

**Are You Sure?** May 17, 2015

2 Corinthians 13:1-10 Pastor Tony Felich

2 Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [2] I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them—[3] since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. [4] For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. [5] Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! [6] I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. [7] But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. [8] For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. [9] For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. [10] For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

## **Application Questions**

- 1) Why don't people want accountability, and why do we need it in the church?
- 2) What are some of the implications of Jesus being the Chief Shepherd of Redeemer?

3) What has brought you the most assurance of your salvation?

## **Sermon Outline**

The Church is a community of redeemed sinners accountable to Jesus who actively shepherds us by His Word.

- The Church is an accountable community (1-2)
- Jesus is actively shepherding His Church (3-4, 8-10)
- We should be examining ourselves regularly (5-7)

## **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

»May Special Sisterhood Caring Challenge: Ladies, sometime this month, even though it is a busy time of year, take a break and spend a few minutes to write a sister-in-Christ a word of encouragement and then pray for God's work in her

»Camp Scholarships: We would like to provide for families that need to offset the expense to have their youth see, hear, and learn more of the Gospel during the summer Camp experience. Please consider making a donation for a camp scholarship. Please contact Jake for more information. Earmark your donation: "Camp Scholarship".