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HOW SCRIPTURAL ARE OUR EXPRESSIONS?

1. **An Explanation** Exposure to our individual environment forms the basis for our thinking and behavior. This is true from early childhood until the present. It impacts our morality, sociology, religion, intellectualism, and even the mechanics of movement, including gestures, habitual motions and the way we process information and react to it. That said, every human is unique in that he possesses a certain degree of accountability. Only God knows with certainty (Ps 44:21) “*the _____ of the heart*” of man. That’s why we are taught (2 Cor 13:5) to “*_____ yourselves*” and “*_____ your _____ selves.*” We often react predictably. It is not because we have intellectually searched out the best response, but because of our cultural inclinations take over and we say and do what most everyone else would say and do under similar circumstances.
2. **Reason** There are things that The Creator deems *reasonable* for man because Paul (Rom 12:1) speaks of “*your reasonable _____*” in obedience to God. The ancient Job (13:3) said, “*I desire to _____ with God*” and Isaiah (1:18) reports God’s will: “*Come now, and _____ reason _____.*” We need to use our ability, when necessary, to rise above comforting and non-challenging cultural-isms and think independently. Dare to be different in order to please God.
3. **“I’m Going To Church!”** We hear this all the time and understand what is meant. Every Bible student knows that the NT Church is comprised of (1 Cor 12:27) “*_____ in particular.*” We know that the “meeting house” or “church building” is only a physical structure (Heb 10:25; 1 Cor 11:18, 20, 33; 14:26) for the spiritual assembling of members. Only Christians understand (1 Cor 2:14) that “*the _____ man receiveth _____ the things of the Spirit of God: for they are _____ unto him.*” It’s better to say, “We’re going to worship!”
4. **“I’m Going To Place My Membership....”** You placed your membership the moment you (Rom 6:4) were raised from the baptismal water to “*walk in _____ of life.*” Jesus is (Col 1:18) “*the _____ from the dead*” and (Heb 12:23) those who comprise the “*_____ of the firstborn--- are _____ in heaven.*” If one’s “membership” is in heaven, why would you want to “place it” anywhere else? _____ Fellowship is with saints on earth. (1 Jn 1:7) “*If we _____ in the light---we have _____ one with another.*” Say what you mean, if you know enough to say it. Let’s try hard to quit using these biblically inadequate expressions.
5. **“When I Got Saved....”** There’s nothing wrong with this statement if it is actually true. Every s-a-v-e-d person was previously l-o-s-t. The difference is that the lost are still lost, but the saved are no longer lost. Some ignore (1 Pet 3:20-21) that in Noah’s day “*eight souls were _____ by _____, the like figure whereunto even _____ also now _____ us.*” Most want to believe in salvation before and without baptism (Acts 22:16) to “*_____ thy sins.*” This is when one is saved from sins and is (Acts 2:47) “*_____ to the church*” by the Lord.

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