

**“Are You Satisfied?”**  
**Romans 14:12**

Jesus Christ was the Master Teacher. He sometimes used questions as a teaching model. Following His example, two (2) soul-searching questions will be asked in this message. Each question needs to be answered with the truth of Romans 14:12 in mind. That verse says: “Every one of us shall give account of Himself to God.”

This verse teaches several basic spiritual truths:

1. Divine judgment is a reality. This verse is a powerful affirmative statement and leaves no room for doubt.
2. EVERY PERSON must give account. There are no exceptions to divine judgment.
3. We give account to GOD. We do not stand before a person who is guilty of sin like we are. We give account to Almighty God, our Creator.
4. Every person gives account of himself or herself. We cannot place blame on anyone else for our stewardship of life. We answer for our very self!

Please answer two (2) questions in the light of Romans 14:12:

- I. Are you satisfied with your conversion experience?

When a person experiences genuine spiritual conversion experience old things pass away and under the transforming power of Christ, all things become new. That person belongs to Christ.

If memory serves me correctly, it was Dr. Stewart Newman – one of my seminary professors – who told me about the conversion experience of one of his heroes in the ministry. The day he accepted Christ, Dr. B.H. Carroll went home and wrote the following in his diary:

LORD, write thy name on my head that I may think for thee;  
Write thy name on my lips that I may speak for thee;  
Write thy name on my feet that I may walk with and for thee;  
Write thy name on my hands that I may work with and for thee;  
Write thy name on my ears that I may listen for thee;  
Write thy name on my heart that I may love thee;  
Write thy name on my shoulders that I may bear burdens for thee;  
Write thy name on my eyes that I may see for thee;  
Lord, write thy name all over me that I may be wholly thine – always and forever.

This is salvation! Are you satisfied with your conversion experience?

- II. Are you satisfied with the spiritual development of your life? When we experience genuine spiritual conversion, we are “babes in Christ.” But God expects spiritual growth. He expects a steady maturity process.

My second granddaughter will soon celebrate her second birthday. When she was born she weighed 7 pounds. Today, at age two, she weighs 25 pounds. Clara is growing – growing from a little baby into a little girl; growing, God willing, from a little girl into an outstanding young lady – an adult.

Sometimes it seems I can hear Almighty God say to me: “Get up on the scales son. I want to see how much you are growing spiritually.” And with my spiritual vision I can see the needle on those scales stopping before it ought to stop, and I can get a glimpse of the distress in the heart of my Heavenly Father. Then I remember Romans 14:12: “Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

At least these two (2) questions need to be answered with Romans 14:12 clearly in mind:

1. Are you satisfied with your spirit conversion experience?
2. Are you satisfied with your spiritual growth?

Our response to these two (2) questions may be yes or no, but if our response is negative that response can never destroy the spiritual truths found in Romans 14:12: “Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

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