

This is my first opportunity this fall to greet the returning students. I've already had the opportunity to greet the new students and have come to know a number of them when I see thme. I'm sorry that there are a number of the returning students, even some who have been here two years, whom I don't know yet by face, and I surely hope you will tell me what your name is when I see you. I would like to know every one of you . . .

I's surely glad to see so many of you back again. Yesterday I heard a number of you give brief testimonies of the way the Lord has blessed you and I hope I can hear a good deal more about you before long.

This ~~morning~~ morning I would like to call your attention to ~~1 Cor. 13 and~~ 2 Cor. 13:15. The first half of the 15th v. reads "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove yourselves". The old English word "prove"-- today we use "test." We sometimes say Prove all things, hold fast that which is good. It does not mean much to us any more because the English language has changed and we mean "test" and hold fast to that which is good. We also have the statement that the exception proves the rule. Since the English language has changed people often have a complete misunderstanding. They say that because of the fact something is an exception proves the rule is true! It does not mean anything like that at all. It means that it is the exception that gives you the opportunity to test whether the rule really is a rule or not.

This verse "Examine yourselves whether you are in the faith" pprove or test yourselves-- think is a very appropriate verse to use as I speak to you for the first time this semester. It is customary in schools at the end of the semester to have an examination. It may seem strange to someone that I begin a semester