

## Pastor's Pen

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### Successfully Walking Spiritually

The testimony of successfully walking spiritually is directly linked to the perception of the truth, as conveyed by the gospel of the grace of God. In order for one to fully possess the benefits that are afforded by God's word; the elect of God must have more than just some sense of the truth but a deep comprehension or insight into the essence of what it entails in this dispensation. Philippians 1:10 states, " .....unto the end that you may prove the thing differing that you may be sincere and without offense unto the day of Christ." Note the Greek phrase **ees to thok-eem-ah-zeen e-mahs**, translated "unto the end that you may prove". Here the thought flow posits obedience to that which precedes it, i.e., "the perception of truth," thus it is implied as a prerequisite to the fulfillment of what will automatically follow. Note the Greek infinitive **thok-eem-ah-zeen** rendered "to prove;" also rendered, "to test, try or examine" the validity of something. It must be fully understood that it is spiritually acceptable to test or examine with the intent to verify the veracity of the message of grace for this present church age (I Thessalonians 5:21).

The phrase **tah thee-ahph-ehr-oon-dah** is rendered "things differing," as it consists of an article and a compound word derived from the preposition **thee-ah** and the verb **phehr-o**, literally denoting to "bear or carry through." Some scriptural translations, i.e., King James have rendered this expression "excellent" but its intransitive meaning is "to differ." However, the thought progression is that as things differ they excel one another, thus when something is deferent, it may also be excellent. But it is established by the Greek grammar that in this verse (Philippians 1: 10) as well as other verses in Paul's epistles, the basic meaning and connotation is differ (Romans 2:18; I Corinthians 15:41; Galatians 2:6; 4:1). Here, it is obviously referring to the fact that there are different messages in the word of God and that some excel over others. An overview of the Scriptures reveals that through the ages, God communicated to mankind in different ways. The three major dispensations, which differ according to their messages, are: the Mosaic Law (past), Grace Mystery Truth (present) and Kingdom Millennial (future). It is essential for these messages to be arranged accordingly and applied to God's elect for their intended ages (Church or Kingdom).

It is a fact that the message of the present Church age (Mystery Truth) is far superior to the messages of prior and future ages (Law-Messianic Kingdom). The reason believers (of this Church age) are to prove and distinguish (after proper examination) the things differing is clearly stated: in order or "that you may be sincere and without offense unto the day of Christ." Here the Greek word **ee-leek-ree-nees** translated "sincere" conveys varied meanings: "pure," "uncorrupted" or "perfect (mature)." The word **ahp-ros-kop-ee** rendered "without offense" denotes "not to cause stumbling," hence "not to be misled into error." The Grace Gospel Church Ministry believes and teaches that to the degree that God's elect for the present dispensation of grace abound in perfect knowledge and discernment of the truth for the Church; they will be able to prove things differing (Grace Mystery Truth), as regulated to and in accordance with Grace Covenant Truth!