

Prove

Rom 12:1-2 — That you may *prove* (#1381) what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is, as Mal 3:18 — to distinguish between those who serve God and those who don't.

Those who serve God — true worshippers who worship in Spirit and in truth as Acts 26:7; Jn 7:37-38; 4:23-24 says — can be no other people than the ones, the brethren (Rom 12:1, #80), who actually *do* what Rom 12:1-2 says. Paul says that they and they alone, as a twelve-tribed Holy Nation who proclaim His virtues, praise, and excellencies (1 Pet 2:9-10), may prove what the good and acceptable and perfect will of God is. They prove the genuineness and trustworthiness of Messiah's Good News.

Don't believe Messiah rose from the dead as Rom 10:9 says unless faith comes to you to believe it in your heart. So how does one distinguish the Christian *Jesus* from the one who actually rose from the dead? This is what Rom 12:1-2 is saying. Messiah must be proven true by His people who obey His word.

Isa 49:6 – This is the light, not Bibles without a living demonstration, not the Holy Spirit without being in a people who are doing what Rom 12:1-2 says.

Jn 16:8-11 – Conviction of the world's sin of unbelief comes by the Holy Spirit, but only through a people who obey Him (2 Cor 2:9; 13:3; Rom 5:4; Phil 2:22; 2 Cor 8:2; 9:13), who set the evidence/proof before all (Mt 21:43 & 24:14, Weymouth).

The Edah, which is fulfilling the criterion of Rom 12:1-2, the testimony or witness by which the good news is proved true, will bring about the end of the age (Mt 21:43; 24:14).

Don't believe the good news if you have not witnessed anyone being saved by it (Lk 7:29). "I would believe in your God if I saw someone who has been saved by Him."

Rom 5:4 says patience is the proof of one's faith, and not to put hope in anyone's gospel who is not patient (Jn 7:18; Mt 10:41), a righteous person who is saved from his sins by the gospel (Mt 1:21). Their hope, in Rom 5:5, which is the proof of patience, will not disappoint. All other hope will eventually disappoint. Rom 5:4 is *approved* faith, *proof* of the good news.

Whole communities were founded on a false hope — an unapproved faith. A tested faith is *proven* — “the proof is in the pudding.” There is no other hope except one that is tested by trials and testings. Only the hope that endures is true. Rom 5:4 – The KJV says *experience*.

For the Twelve Tribes to be the light of the world they must in every place be a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God — as your reasonable service of worship. As Acts 26:7, service and worship cannot be separated (1 Pet 4:11; Eph 4:12; Ps 116:1,2,12,13).

The only possibility of the fall of the First Church is disobedience.

Paul meant that an acceptable sacrifice will prove what His acceptable will — what His good and perfect and acceptable will is — and it will be proven through *experience*. Do you know what *experience* means? It means *approbation*, approval after having been tested, as our faith is approved only after having been tested and tried. Only then is there hope that will not disappoint anyone. We are the stem — with a new generation coming forth. The Seed of Abraham is being tested (Gal 3:29) to prove whether we are members of Messiah, whether we belong to Him or not (Gal 5:24). Rom 8:9 – If we do not belong here we will be rooted out by hardship and tribulation. Acts 14:22 – The Way is still the same. Paul said it in Acts 14:22 and also Rom 5:3, knowing that affliction produces what the world can put their hope in.

Isa 49:6 — An enduring people who have endured through all kinds of persecution and affliction, hardship, which produces fortitude, as Mt 24:9-13 says, and then verse 14. This is the witness — the testimony to bring about the end of this wicked age. Don't forget Isa 52:15 and 53:10-11.

Endurance comes through hardship, which produces the light, which is approbation, approval. No light means no approval by God. The lampstand in every place is the witness, the proof, and without love and endurance there is no witness (Rev 2:4-5), no proof (1 Jn 3:14,16).

No endurance means no salvation and no hope. Those who left are as 1 Jn 2:19 — that is, those who never returned because they could not live out there. The true ones are those who *prove* that they belong to Messiah and His Body on earth in every place (Mal 1:11; 3:1-4,18).

Verse 18 is the distinction between those who belong to Messiah and those who don't. Those who endure are *approved* sons (Phil 1:29; Rom 5:1-3; 8:17-21).