

YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE LORD, BUT DOES THE LORD KNOW YOU?

How can we know we are saved? Evidence demands a verdict

Matthew 7:21-23

- I. REALIZE NOT EVERYONE WHO MAKES A PROFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD IS SAVED: Jesus makes it clear only doers of God's will shall be saved (21)**
 - A. Not everyone who says to Jesus, Lord, Lord, is saved. (21a)**

 - B. True salvation is evidenced by obedience to God's Word: Good fruit (21b, 24, 26)**

- II. RECOGNIZE THERE WILL BE MANY DECEIVED COUNTERFEIT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST CAST INTO HELL: Jesus reveals that those who continually habitually disobey Him are not saved in the on their way to hell, no matter what they say and think.(22-23)**
 - A. The reality of judgment day: “that day”? (22a)**

 - B. What the deceived counterfeits will say to Jesus on that day (22)**
 - 1. Many will call Him Lord (22a)

 - 2. Many will point to what they did for Him in ministry: Bad fruit (22b)

 - C. What will the judge of the living and the dead, Jesus Christ, say and do to the deceived make-believes on that day: (23)**
 - 1. Jesus will declare He never knew them, revealing these false professors never had a true relationship with Christ (23a)

 - 2. Jesus will declare ‘depart from me you who continually habitually do lawlessness’: Because of their sin these false professors will be cast into hell (23b)