

KNOWING I'M SAVED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

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Introduction:

1. These words of Jesus cause us to evaluate ourselves before Him.
2. Paul stated, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith..." -2Co 13:5
3. The confidence of our salvation is built on the foundation of obedience to God.

I. WE MUST BE AWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS -Mt 7:15-20

A. SOME DO NOT KNOW -E.g. -Apollon (Acts 19)

B. OTHERS ARE WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

1. Paul warned about them -Ac 20:28-31
2. Jesus is talking to the people (Mt 7:15-20).
3. We must take heed to what we hear -Ac 17:11; 1Jn 4:1

II. KNOW WHAT DOES NOT SAVE US BY ITSELF

A. CALLING JESUS LORD

1. We must walk as He walked -1Jn 2:6
2. This includes:
 - a. Serving one another -Jn 13:12-17
 - b. Enduring persecution -Jn 15:18-20

B. HAVING GREAT ZEAL

1. E.g. -Paul -Ga 1:13, 14; Ac 22:3-5
2. E.g. -Paul's countrymen -Ro 10:2

C. DOING GOOD WORKS

1. Good works can never nullify sin -Is 64:6; He 10:4
2. Cornelius -Ac 10:1, 2

III. WHAT DOES SAVE US

A. OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

1. Through His faith in His name we have life -1Jn 5:13
2. We will not be saved apart from faith in Him -Jn 8:24

B. FAITH THAT LEADS TO OBEDIENCE

1. Jesus is the great example of obedience -Lk 22:42
2. Faith apart from works is dead -Ja 2:14-ff

C. WE MUST BE CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

1. This is true regardless of our position in life -Ex 12:29, 30
2. Through His blood we have redemption -Ep 1:7
3. We contact His blood through baptism -Ro 6:3, 4

Conclusion:

1. Jesus does not give us these words to discourage, but to awaken us.
2. He gives us the “secret of success” (Hearing His word and doing it) -Mt 7:24-28