

FACT OR FICTION

(James 2:15-18)

Matthew 5:16 There is a little song that the children often sing that says “this little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine”... When we let our light shine for God we are showing our good works. If we do not let it shine, people will not see “the light” shining through us. Is our light shining for others to see?

Galatians 6:17 There are a number of things that should allow people to recognize you and me as God’s people. Paul said that he bore the marks that showed that he belonged to Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10 A person is saved by grace through faith, but we are suppose to show good works because He created us in Christ and ordained us to walk in good works.

If someone who says that he is saved but doesn’t live like he is saved, most people will THINK he is not saved. That doesn’t mean he is NOT saved, but they make people THINK they are not saved.

Let’s look at some TESTIMONIES that make some saved people look like lost people.

THE FACT OF THEIR ACTIONS

Acts 9:26 When Saul came to Jerusalem and tried to join himself with the disciples, they wanted nothing to do with him. They were afraid of him and did not believe he was a believer.

Acts 9:13 When the Lord told Ananias to go and help Saul he was afraid and had to be reassured by Jesus that everything was okay and that he was indeed saved and called by the Lord for service.

I Corinthians 4:2 All Christians are stewards in God’s vineyard. Those that call themselves Christians but are not faithful in serving or giving as a faithful steward do not LOOK saved to others.

THE FACT OF THEIR ATTENDANCE

Hebrews 10:25 If you come periodically to the church where you are a member on Sunday morning but don’t come on Sunday night, Wednesday evening, or special services, I’m not saying you ARE lost but you LOOK lost to those in the church who think you should be at all the services. After all, we come to church to worship our Lord who died for us. If our priority is to be golfing, hunting, visiting, going to the beach, what are we saying to God? What are we really worshipping?

THE FACT OF THEIR COMMUNICATION

Matthew 26:73-74 I’m not saying that if a person cusses they are SURELY lost. But, anyone that hears a professing Christian use foul language or use God’s name in vain will certainly THINK that person is lost. If a person allows filthy language or dirty jokes in their presence and calls himself a Christian, those people around him will for sure THINK that he is NOT a Christian.

I John 3:14; I John 4:20 Communication that is unflattering regarding your pastor or your brothers and sisters in Christ can make us LOOK lost. Christians that contradict the bible or cause strife may NOT be lost but they certainly will LOOK lost to those who are listening to negative conversation coming from a Christian. By the way, are you comfortable talking about your Christianity?

THE FACT OF THEIR ASSOCIATIONS

I Corinthians 15:33 Evil association with unbelievers doesn’t mean that you ARE lost but it will LOOK like you are lost to those who you fellowship with.

II Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:11 If you fellowship with lost people and cannot comfortably talk about Christ then why are you still there? Do they think you’re SAVED or think you’re LOST?

