

SO YOU SAY YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN

II Corinthians 5:17

Make no mistake about yourself or those around you that are members of this church, or any other bible believing church that you may know of. Many who sit in these congregations are as lost as those who have never attended a single sermon on the gospel of Christ. Scriptures warn us what to look for.

Identify The Negatives

Matthew 7:13-20 Jesus tells us Himself that only a few will be saved because of bible ignorance by following a lie. False teachers and false believers will most always tip their hand by their fruits.

Luke 13:23-30 Speaking to His own people the Jewish Nation, Jesus tells them that because of their ignorance of the scriptures and their unbelief of His miracles and teachings most of them are lost.

John 10:1; 14:6 The best way to recognize any spiritual doctrine that is wrong is to measure it against what Jesus has told us is the only way anyone can hope to get into heaven.

Matthew 7:21; James 2:11 Most people willingly admit there is a God and they believe He is real. These same people also think because they are “basically good people” God will bring them to heaven.

Matthew 7:22-23; II Cor. 11:4 At the moment lost people die and realize they are not in heaven but in hell, they will blame God for missing heaven. Today people are spending their lives trying to please God by their good deeds and following some T.V. false preachers right into a Christless eternity.

Sincerity or Religion won't get you to heaven. Sincere and religious groups: Catholics, Church of Christ, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Scientology, Lutherans, Muslims, Judaism, Christian Science, Moonies, Episcopal, New Agers, Lordship Salvationists, and many more.

One way or another these groups substitute or alter the gospel of Grace by adding requirements and human effort (works) in order to get to heaven or they subtract something from the gospel of Grace.

Identify The Positives

Matthew 7:21; John 6:40; John. 20:31 The answer to the question in Matt. 7:21 is given to all of us by Jesus Himself. This is His promise to every person who will simply put their faith in Him.

Acts 10:43 By searching out the scriptures regarding salvation the bible is crystal clear about Christ.

Romans 1:16 The man that Jesus Himself chose to be the Apostle to the Gentiles had one message that he preached throughout his remaining life time and that was the gospel of Christ for salvation.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 The bible is clear as to what is the gospel and that it is this same gospel that we must believe and receive in order to be saved. There is nothing we can do with our sins but trust God.

Romans 4:3-5; Gal. 2:16; Titus 3:5 The bible is also clear as to what salvation is not. It does not require any good works on our part in order to please God. It requires faith in Christ's finished work.

Romans 5:15; 10:9-13; Ephesians 2:8-9 Salvation or eternal life is offered to all as a free gift, freely offered and freely received. Salvation is something we receive not something we give something for.

Identify Your Fruit

II Corinthians 5:17-20; Col 1:10 Bible scripture helps us determine our Christianity and our level of commitment. Is my life a changed life? Am I a minister of reconciliation in bringing others to Christ? Does my daily life show my loyalty as an ambassador for Christ? Am I growing daily in Christ?

Romans 12:9-10 Is my spiritual love genuine or phoney? Do I love Christ, my brethren, the lost? Do I hate the evil that my flesh wants to do? Do I fight the world, the flesh and the Devil like I should? Does my life show a pattern of good works toward my church and others? Do others see good in me?