



Examining Our Salvation Assurances
Matthew 7:21-23

- 1) Pseudo-Christians live with false assurances of salvation (Matt. 7:21-23)
 - a) Simply knowing that Jesus is "Lord" (Mark 1:24; Jas. 2:19)
 - b) Being passionate and zealous for Christ (2 Kings 10:16)
 - c) Proclaiming truth in God's name (e.g., Balaam, Saul)
 - i) Some preach out of envy (Phil 1:15)
 - ii) Paul feared being disqualified (1 Cor 9:27)
 - iii) Love for Christ is the key (1 Cor 13:1-3)
 - d) Ability to exorcise demons (Judas, sons of Sceva)
 - e) Performing mighty deeds for God (Matt 24:24; 2 Thess 2:8)
 - i) Satan transforms himself (2 Cor 11:14)
 - ii) Power makes us arrogant (Luke 10:20)
- 2) Questions for examining your salvation (2 Cor 13:5)
 - a) Overly confident about a confession?
 - b) Living sin while over-emphasizing grace?
 - c) Love Christ by keeping His commands? (1 John 2:3; 3:23)
 - d) Occupied with activities to the exclusion of enjoying Christ?
 - e) Easing your guilty conscience with good works?
 - f) Arguing with Scripture?
 - g) Worshipping without offering yourself? (1 Sam 15:22)
 - h) Relying upon your emotions?
 - i) Concerned for Christ's influence in society more than Him?
 - j) Arguing the Truth rather than a relationship with Christ?
 - k) More concerned with academics than fellowship?
 - l) Over-emphasizing prophetic teaching?
 - m) Enmeshed in mechanical knowledge of the Bible?