



The Characteristics of Correct Christianity Matthew 10:32-42

- 1) Do you shamelessly confess to know and love Jesus Christ? (32-33; cf. Rom 10:9-10)
 - a) OT example: Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego
 - b) NT examples: Stephen (Acts 7), Paul (2 Tim 4:6-7), Peter, John
 - c) Whoever confesses (1 John 4:15; cf. Rev. 2:13)
 - i) Church martyrs
 - ii) Some deny Christ through hypocrisy
 - iii) Some deny Christ by remaining silent when they should speak boldly
 - iv) Don't be a professor and not a confessor (i.e., Judas)
- 2) Does your love for Christ surpass your love for all others? (34-39)
 - a) We must deny ourselves before we can follow Christ
 - i) Willing to die for our faith
 - ii) Willing to suffer abuse and persecution for our faith
 - b) Our affections for children/family are secondary to Christ (cf. Luke 9:57-62)
- 3) Are God's people genuinely received by you? (40-42)
 - a) Do you encourage preachers of truth?
 - b) Do you treat ordinary Christians as better than you?
 - c) Do you give aid to the nobodies of the world?
- 4) Let us worship the Lord our God correctly, in spirit and in truth.