

# “Pop Quiz”

## Who are you really?

2 Corinthians 13:5

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**2 Corinthians 13:5** “Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?”

**2 Corinthians 13:5** “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?”

This morning we’re going to look at a bit of the Sermon on the Mount and discover whether or not we are ‘IN’ the faith.

## Two Ways...

**Matthew 7:13-14** <sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

*Two ways are contrasted*

- *One leads to Heaven and Life eternal*
  - *Jesus is the Way!*
    - **John 14:6** “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
  - *Jesus is the Door!*
    - **John 10:9** “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”
- *One leads to Hell and death eternal*
  - Jesus because of His great love for us all, warns of this gate that is easy to go through and will ultimately lead people to hell.
  - **John 8:21-24** <sup>21</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.” <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come?’” <sup>23</sup> And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

- **John 10:1** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.”
- *The Path you choose determines what’s produced in your life!*
  - This is pictured in our next point.

## **Two Trees...**

Matthew 7:15-20 <sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

### *Two trees are contrasted*

- **Matthew 12:33** “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.”
  - Now Jesus warns of men that would lead us down the path of destruction.
  - BEWARE Jesus says which means to be in a constant state of readiness to learn of any future danger.
    - **Acts 20:29-30** <sup>29</sup> For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”
      - You will be able to distinguish them by their speech.
      - They will tear believers down!
      - Their motive is to draw disciples unto themselves.
  - *You will know them by their flattery*
    - **Romans 16:17-18** “...note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”
  - *You will know them by their worldview*
    - They don’t use the bible as the source, they use philosophy, man made traditions and worldly things to establish their false doctrine.
      - **Colossians 2:8** “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”

- *You will know them by their denial of Christ.*
  - **2 Peter 2:1-3** “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup> By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

### *Bad Fruit (The Broad Way)*

- *Fruit of the Flesh*
  - **Galatians 5:19-21** “<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

### *Good Fruit (The Narrow Way)*

- *Fruit of the Spirit*
  - **Galatians 5:22-25** “<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

## **Two Professions...**

**Matthew 7:21-23** “<sup>21</sup> 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'”

### *Two professions are contrasted*

- *One “SAYS”, but doesn’t “Produce Fruit”*
  - They don’t produce fruit because they aren’t born again.
  - They thought they could “DO” what they wanted apart from Christ.
  - They weren’t really born again!
    - **Luke 6:46** “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

- **James 2:19-21** <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”
  - *The result of faith is works.*
    - Faith says, “*I believe Jesus died for me, took my punishment, and rose from the dead. I know that God loves me and now I am going to serve Him*”
    - The belief is then put into action and begins to manifest.
      - **James 2:18** “But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- What is manifested then, is what the bible calls fruit of the Spirit.
  - The final test of life isn’t what you or others say about you, but what God says about you.
  - Those that haven’t been converted still remain in sin and are un-regenerated.
    - The point of this is that there will be those in the church that think they are saved but are not.
    - It is a warning to the non-believer.

Sitting in church won’t make you a Christian any more than sitting in the garage will make you a car!

- The fact is that their doing things even in Jesus name wasn’t enough to get them in.
    - They really practiced lawlessness, which is sin.
  - *I NEVER knew you –*
    - They cast out demons, prophesied, and worked miracles, BUT Jesus didn’t know them!
    - The only thing that proves anything is LOVE!
      - **1 Corinthians 13:1-3** “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

- *The other “SAYS” and “Produces Fruit”*
  - What is meant by “*Doing God’s word?*”
    - **Romans 2:12-13** <sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup> (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;”
    - **James 1:21-22** <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”
    - Hearing bible studies won’t change your life or anyone else’s; putting the things you are learning into practice is what changes your life.
      - Remember that the Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE!!!

## **Two Builders...**

**Matthew 7:24-27** <sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

### *Two builders are contrasted*

- What is actually contrasted is what people do with the words of Jesus.
- *"The wise and the foolish man were both engaged in precisely the same avocations, and to a considerable extent achieved the same design; both of them undertook to build houses, both of them persevered in building, both of them finished their houses. The likeness between them is very considerable."* (Spurgeon)
- *"Time and the storms of life will prove the strength of one's foundation, even when it is hidden. We may be surprised when we see who has truly built upon the good foundation. "At last, when Judas betrayed Christ in the night, Nicodemus faithfully professed him in the day."* (Trapp)
- If you “DO” what He says, you will be like the wise man and no matter what happens in life, you will stand!
- If you “DON’T DO” what He says, you will be like the fool and all that happens in life, you will fall!

Okay, time for the pop quiz!

**Question #1** – Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, that He is God, that He died on the cross, rose from the dead and is the ONLY way to eternal life?

- Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

**Question #2** – If it were a crime to be a Christian, would there be enough evidence in your life for a conviction?

- Before you answer, this would not include;
  - Owning a bible, wearing Christian branded clothing, bumper stickers on your car, etc.

**Question #3** – Do you keep His commandments and are you a doer of the word?

*“When the author walks onto the stage, the play is over. God is going to invade, all right; but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else comes crashing in? This time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. That will not be the time for choosing; It will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment is our chance to choose the right side.”*

C.S. Lewis