

“Beware of False Prophets and False Ways”
Matthew 7: 15-23

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GOD






Throw Out The Lifeline



**Masses of people think they are okay,
*but are not!!***

Sincere, but sincerely wrong – Proverbs 14: 12

***“There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.”***



He said there were two kinds of Christians:
those who sincerely believe in God and
those who, just as sincerely, believe that
they believe. You can tell them apart by
their actions in decisive moments.

Richard Wurmbrand

quotation

The Three Tenses of "Salvation"

Past Tense:

Separation from the *Penalty* of Sin

You have been saved.

Justification

1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5
Colossians 1:13, 14; Eph. 2:8, 9
Romans 5:1, 2; Colossians 2:13, 14

Present Tense:

Separation from the *Power* of Sin

You are being saved.

Sanctification

Philippians: 1:6; 2:12, 13; 2 Cor. 5:17
2 Peter 3:17, 18; Romans 8:29
2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:16, 17

Future Tense:

Separation from the *Presence* of Sin

You will be saved.

Glorification

Matthew 10:22; James 1:12
Hebrews 10:39; Revelation 2:10
Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 John 3:2

Verse 15

Beware of False Prophets

There is a real danger of being fooled by false teachers

**Beware = to take heed, guard, watch,
keep yourself**

FALSE PROPHETS

FALSE PROPHETS EVERYWHERE

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False prophets are hard to spot -

They tell you what you want to hear

They are savage wolves – Acts 20: 29

There are wolves amongst the sheep



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Verse 16 - 20

How to spot the wolves

Key Point: ***“You will know them by their fruits.”***

Fruits = what a person produces, whether good or bad

Jeremiah dealt with false prophets

Jeremiah 23: 25-27, 30-32

Jeremiah spoke the truth and the people seized him

Jeremiah 26: 7-9

Later, Jeremiah was thrown into a dungeon

Jeremiah 38: 6

We are living in a time of the apostasy of the Church - *falling away from the TRUTH*

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3

The Church that dominates the end time is the Laodicean Church - Revelation 3: 14-22

Laodicean = the Church is ruled by the people

What do Laodiceans want?

2 Timothy 4: 3-5

Your protection in this era of massive deception:

Elders and YOU!

1) Elders who teach the whole counsel of God

Acts 20: 27

2) Elders who shepherd the flock of God

1 Peter 5: 2

3) YOU – contend earnestly for the faith

Jude 1: 3-4

4) YOU – be a Berean; search the Scriptures daily

Acts 17: 11



A Pastor-Teacher's job is to rightly divide the Word 2 Timothy 2: 15



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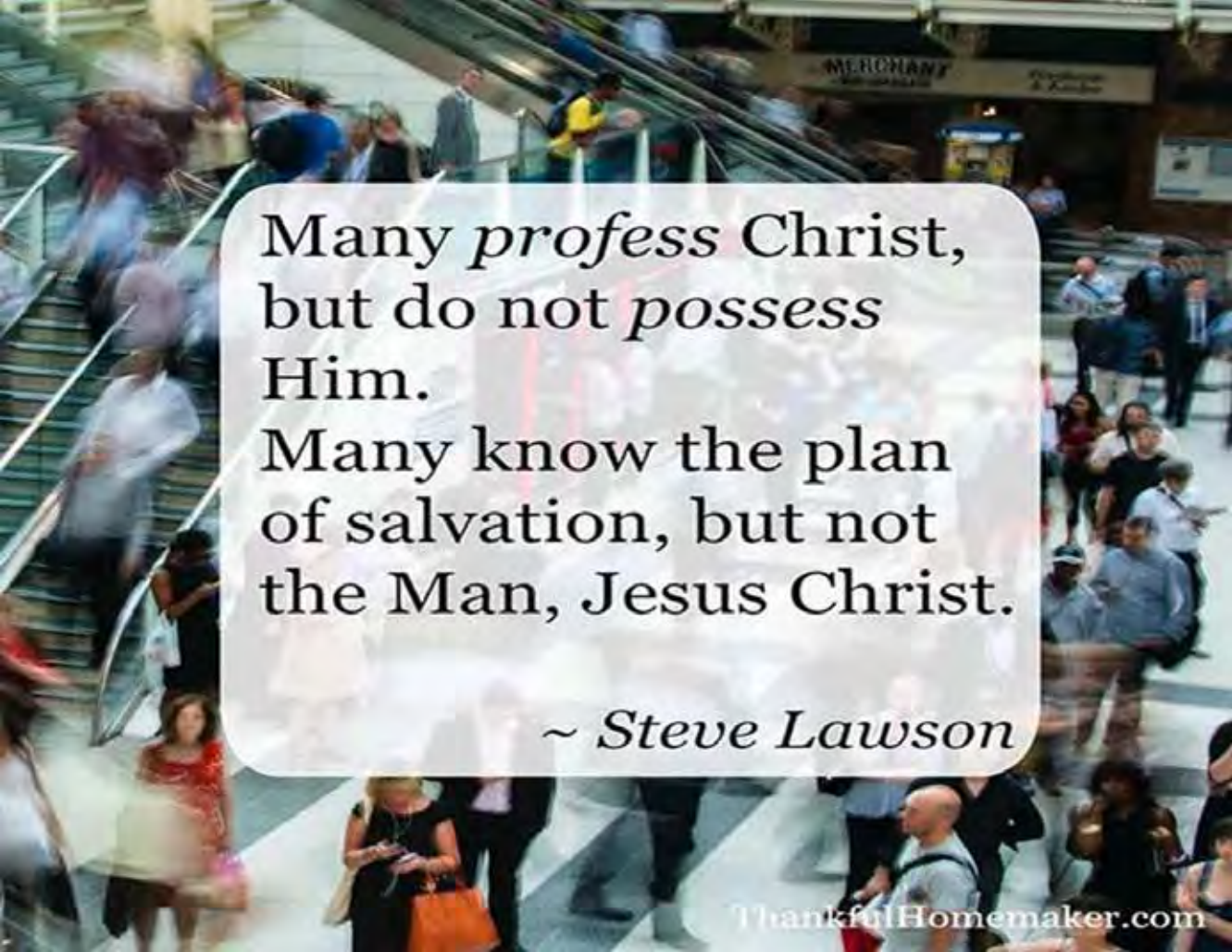


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Verse 21 - 23

Are you a Professor or a Possesor?

Many profess Jesus, *but do not possess Jesus!*



Many *profess* Christ,
but do not *possess*
Him.

Many know the plan
of salvation, but not
the Man, Jesus Christ.

~ *Steve Lawson*

Not everyone who calls Jesus, LORD, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven – *SHOCKING!!*

Many look good and sound good, but do not know the Son – *they are tares!*

Matthew 13: 37

TARES Look **IDENTICAL** To WHEAT



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe.



TARES: *Lolium Temulentum*



Wheat and Tares

No real Christian will *“in that day”* mention their works as a reason for meriting heaven



Sincere,
but sincerely
Wrong

Signs and wonders are not evidence of salvation –

Matthew 24: 24

2 Thessalonians 2: 9-10

Revelation 13: 13-14

Jesus' harsh words to false teachers and phony believers: ***"I NEVER KNEW YOU"***

Many say, ***"I know Jesus"***, but the question is, ***Does Jesus know you? – John 10: 27***

It seems that the life we practice has a great bearing on our salvation – *if we are genuine!*

Take note of these “**CAUTION**” verses:

1 Corinthians 6: 9-10

Galatians 5: 19-21

A Word of Encouragement:

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5: 13

How does John say one knows they have eternal life?

- 1) Keeps God's commandments – 1 John 2: 3
- 2) Does not love the world system -
1 John 2: 15-17
- 3) Love for the brethren – 1 John 3: 14
- 4) Obeys what Jesus teaches – John 14: 23-24

**CLOSING THOUGHTS: FALSE PROPHETS AND
FALSE WAYS**

Many people are deceived and believe a message that appeals to their lifestyle

2 Timothy 2: 19 is clear – *no room for error!*

“Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”” (2 Timothy 2:19, NIV)

HAVE SOME HOLY SPIRIT GUTS!!

Be different!

Go against the flow!

Go against the polls!!

Stand alone!!

Turn away from wickedness!!!

Stand like the ***“BULL IN A BLIZZARD”***



**No matter what life
throws at you, be
like the Apostle Paul**

I have learned how to be content
with whatever I have. I know
how to live on almost nothing or
with everything. I have learned
the secret of living in
every situation.

For I can do everything through
Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

“Christ in you, the hope of glory”
Colossians 1: 27

“Having done all to STAND”

False prophets and false ways will not move
one whose *foundation is Jesus Christ!*

SELAH!
PAUSE TO PONDER!

THIS DO
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF ME

