

It's Black and White
Part 1: Can't make it w/o the Word!
Slide Notations

Last week! Ended with a call to stand up and speak the truth! We must understand how important this is! How impossible it is if we don't know the truth! What's in the vacuum of not having the truth in us!

90% of the lack of "truth telling" and the courage to stand up and tell the truth... comes from not knowing it!

100% of Christian failure comes from not knowing the Word that frees us and not allowing the Spirit who leads us!

Matt 7.24 Therefore... 1st rule of study: if there's a "therefore" you must go back and see what it's there for!

Chapter Outline... 1-5 Don't assign final value to anyone; you're not done yet and neither are they! (Sovereignty) Don't let anyone compromise the word! v6 (idiom). Don't ever stop searching for the fullness that's in God! **7-11** Do good to others like you want good done for you! **v12** Travel the right-way not the wide-way; it leads to life! **13-14** Judge each other's functional quality/character! **v15-20**

Don't believe everything you hear said in My name is from Me! Not everything fluffy is cuddly (sheep in wolves clothing)! Not everything tasty is safe (figs and grapes with thorns)! Keep a running account of the feel, yield and fruitfulness/others (by their fruit you will know them...)

Because they may not be Mine!

Matt 7.21,22 Not every one that says, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven; only he that does the will of My Father in heaven /// Many will say, Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name? And in your name didn't we cast out devils and do many power works?

Matt 7.23 And then I will say, Not at any time did I know you, depart from Me you that were at work illegally! Therefore... whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them this is what he is like: a wise man who builds his house on a rock... the rain fell, the flood rose, the winds blew...

Asides... Text creates problems for works oriented people... Suspicious of God already... Ever do enough to please God? They begin fearing they may lose their salvation/incomplete works- Work hard(er)/wrong reasons. Can't lose salvation/God! Can't 'slide' away/He's faithful! Intentional act/disinherit God!

The text... Addresses the issue of rightly entering the kingdom of heaven. *God's substitutionary way: Jesus!* "Unless a man is born again he can not see the kingdom of God!" **J3.3** "the works of God are that you believe on the One He sent!" **J6.29** *Devil's substitution: works that make a man feel self-righteous...*

Salvation... "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved! For with the heart man believes God's rightness and with the mouth confession is made for salvation!" **Romans 10.9,10**

"By grace we are saved thru faith; and that not of ourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has ordained that we should walk in them. **Eph 2.8-10**

Salvation...

“God’s kindness and love toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration (born again!), and the renewing of the Holy Ghost... **Titus 3.5**

...and works! This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God (come to salvation) might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. **Titus 3.8**

And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. Titus 3.14
For this is how you glorify My Father in heaven that you bear much fruit as My disciples! J15.8
You will know them by their fruits! **Mt 7.16,20**

The text... Inspirationally, He is talking to religious acting, sounding people who... Speak for Him/works in His name... But have no clue of who He is... Have trusted in works, and more good than bad, to save them... But have never come to Him for salvation... “*Never known...*”

Mark 7.6-8 These honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. In vain they worship me because they lay aside the word of God and take hold of the precepts of men... “I did it my way...!” Force God’s hand w/good works rather than submit to His King!

The text... Incarnationally, speaks to people of faith... Who never enter into the fullness of the kingdom of God because we do not have the keys that open all the doors of faith! We are surely saved... But surely powerless, un-truth-full!

After dealing with the right way in... He tells us the way it rightly works!

Matt 7.24 Therefore... whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them this is what he is like: a wise man who builds his house on a rock... the rain fell, the flood rose, the winds blew and beat on the house and it stood... for it was founded on a rock!

So... what is in us when the word is not? Galatians 5.19-21 The works of the flesh are these; adultery, fornication, impurity, excessiveness, image worship, witchcraft, hatred, quarreling, jealous rivalry, wrath, strife, disunion, heresies, ill will, murder, drunkenness, letting loose... Self-conceit/absorption deception, weakness, fear, etc!

This week... “I don’t know why you said good-bye... I said hello...!” “Out of the mouths of babes!” “Thus far and no further!” “And it beat on the house and it fell... and great was the fall!”

Matt 7.25 And every one that hears these sayings of mine and does them not, this is what he is like: a foolish man who built his house on the sand... the rain fell, the flood rose, the winds blew and beat on the house and it fell... and great was the fall of it!

Getting the Word in us is: Wise! It forces out all the carnal garbage! And... We know God personally by the presence of the Spirit of God in us... *we know Him visually from the pages of the Bible...*

Without the Word in you, you have not yet seen God!

So what do we do with this? Intentional plan... Everything that pertains to life? 1900 statements by Jesus alone! “What He said” about life, death, angels, devil, demons, Holy Spirit, salvation, about us, heaven, hell... Salvation scriptures? Healing scriptures? Relationship scriptures?

Intentional plan... Topical Bible/reference work! Promise books. Barclay’s pb commentaries! Parallel bibles! Bible CD’s! Computer Version/daily reader! Same-sex reading buddy! Writing scriptures!*(S.O.A.P.)

“...you are anxious and disturbed by many things... only one thing is necessary to have... select the good portion which cannot be taken away!” Luke 10.41,42