



DOES JESUS KNOW YOU?

Matthew 7:15-23

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

I Never Knew You

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Jesus on Church People

- Many will be shocked when they are not allowed to enter heaven – 7:21
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- Many think knowing about Jesus = knowing Jesus – 7:22a
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James 2:19

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

- Many confuse religious activity with knowing Jesus – 7:22-23
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How should we respond to Jesus' warning?

1) Examine yourself to see whether you're a genuine follower of Jesus Christ...Even if you really think you are – 2 Corinthians 13:5a
Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

2) Is there evidence of a genuine change? – Matthew 7:16-20
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3) Is the fruit of the Holy Spirit evident in your life? – Galatians 5:22-24
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

4) Is there an obedience to the commands of Christ? – 1 John 2:4
Whoever says "I know Him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Q: How do I respond?

- Connect Card: "I received Christ."
- Connect Card: "I would like to be baptized." Place in the buckets by the doors or at the Next Steps Center.
- Website: <http://gogracefellowship.org> "My response."
- App: "My response."
- Speak with a staff member.