



Mt Sermon Series: Part 38: Decide Between: Two Claims: Peace, Matthew 7:21-23
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“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ ~ Matthew 7:21-23

To be sure, false prophets deceive, but this passage is about self-deception.

The false evidences that bring a false peace with God.

- I. **Orthodoxy or correct belief-** Philippians 2:5-11; I Corinthians 12:3. In short, orthodoxy is a necessary, but not a sufficient evidence of salvation.

- II. **Zeal or enthusiasm.** ‘Lord, Lord’. Luke 6:46; Matthew 25:11-13.

- III. **Works**
 - A. Prophecy: - OT: Balaam and Saul. NT: I Corinthians 13:1-3; Philippians 1:13-15.

 - B. Casting out demons- Matthew 12; Luke 11; Acts 19:11-20

 - C. Mighty [extraordinary] Works- Matthew 24:24; II Thessalonians 2:8;

Satan's Target: The Church- II Corinthians 11:1-15

Satan uses the deception of 'results' over discipleship to bring about 'cheap grace':

- forgiveness without repentance;
- discipleship without obedience;
- blessing without persecution;
- joy without righteousness; and,
- attending without engaging and serving as part of the body.

So what?

For ourselves: Don't rejoice in [look to] works. Instead, be sure of and rejoice in knowing you are saved.
Luke 10:17-20

For the Bride of Christ: Learn and use the tests of 'Beatitude' character, the 'Fruits of the Spirit', humility and doing 'the will of the Father' in order to maintain purity.

For the Lost: Do not give false peace by a call for a simple prayer or belief; instead, make clear the following:

- Our sin vs. God's perfect justice;
- our desperate need for Christ's work on the cross;
- then, and only then, the good news of God's perfect love for us that flows from confession and true repentance to forgiveness; and then,
- Follow that up with genuine discipleship in a Bible believing church body.

Finally, study your Bible in order to know the real thing so you can spot a counterfeit.