

Did Jesus Really Say That? Part 5

We can go through all kinds of religious maneuvers, say all the theologically correct statements, and even claim to be following the Lord, and yet be separated from God forever.

The challenge for Christians today is that we have promoted “easy believism”, rather than teaching people what it means to truly _____.

Matthew 7:21–27

Jesus clearly states that it is not enough to profess the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we must live out the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We can be lost in the work of God and not be living out the _____ of God.

True saving faith involves...

1. God's _____. Ephesians 2:8–9
 - We cannot save ourselves and our good works do not in any way contribute to our salvation. Salvation is God's work and comes to us by grace and grace alone.

2. Man's _____. Romans 10:9–10
 - God has provided the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, but every person must make the choice to receive God's gift of salvation.
3. Good _____. Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:12
 - Faith without practice is a contradiction of terms, and love without obedience is an impossibility. Works in a Christ follower's life is not a prerequisite to salvation, but a necessary by-product of it.
4. Right _____. Matthew 7:24–27
 - Salvation begins with a decision to receive God's grace and then involves building your life on Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Self-Assessment

We need to examine ourselves and consistently do a spiritual assessment:

- Have I really placed my faith in Jesus Christ as the Master of my life? John 1:12–13
- Are my beliefs established on God's Word? 1 Timothy 4:16
- Is there evidence that I am becoming like Jesus? Ephesians 4:22–24
- Are there good works that reveal the reality of Jesus in my life? James 2:14–17

Answers: follow Jesus; will; grace; acceptance; works; construction