

“KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUIT”

MATTHEW 7:15-20

Christian Counter-Culture

MESSAGE #42

INTRODUCTION —

A. WHO ARE THESE FALSE TEACHERS?

1. THEY LOOK LIKE GOOD BELIEVERS
2. THEY OPERATE INSIDE CHRISTIAN CIRCLES
3. THEY ARE REALLY LIKE HUNGRY WOLVES

B. WHAT MAKES THEM FALSE TEACHERS?

1. THEIR SUBTLE, SINFUL WAYS
2. THEIR BAD FRUIT / DOCTRINE
3. THEIR BAD ROOT (LACK OF TRUE CONVERSION)

C. WHAT MUST WE THEN DO?

1. DO NOT ACT ON APPEARANCES OR ASSUMPTIONS!
2. LISTEN AND COMPARE THEIR TEACHING WITH TRUTH!
3. LISTEN FOR KEY DOCTRINES LEFT OUT! (E.G., THE CROSS)
4. EXAMINE THEIR MORAL / SPIRITUAL LIFE!
5. EXAMINE THE FRUIT OF THEIR TEACHING IN OTHERS!