

**Matthew 7:21-23—Kept Out of Heaven**

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**Lesson 1:** Even \_\_\_\_\_ won't get you into heaven (Matt 7:21-22; Rom 10:1-3; 1 John 2:9; Eph 2:8-9).

**Lesson 2:** The question is: "Does the Lord \_\_\_\_\_?" (Matt 7:23a cf. Gal 4:9).

**Lesson 3:** Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ keeps you out of heaven (Matt 7:23b; 2 Tim 2:19).

**Lesson 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ to see whether you are in the faith (2 Cor 13:5; 1 Pet 1:6-9).

**Tests to Administer:**

1. Have I experienced godly sorrow that produces repentance?
2. Has my repentance produced fruit?
3. Has my faith persevered through trials?
4. Is my life characterized by obedience?
5. Do I practice sinning?
6. Do I have a spiritual hunger and thirst?

**Family Worship Guide**

Memory Verses: [Acts 4:11-12](#)

**Day 1: Read Matthew 7:21-23 & discuss:** What reveals the 'sincerity' of those standing before Christ in verses 21 & 22? Why do you think (i.e. what is implied in Scripture) people will urgently try to convince Jesus that they are true Christians? What does this reveal about them - that is - what are they counting on as the reason they think they are saved?

**Day 2: Read & discuss Matthew 7:21-22; Romans 10:1-3; 1 John 2:9; Ephesians 2:8-9:** Are works important? Why? Why not? What other Scripture can you bring to bear on this question? What is salvation based on - works or something else? Whose works *do* matter in regards to our salvation?

**Day 3: Read & discuss Matthew 7:23; 2 Timothy 2:19; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Peter 1:6-9:** What can keep you out of heaven? Why *is* repentance hard? What does a lack of repentance reveal about a person? In which one of five tests of salvation mentioned at the end of the sermon do you most desire to grow?

**Pray for those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:2; 2 Thes 3:1):** Pastor Cary, Elders Chris Green and Scott Luse

**Pray for these church members/families (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Col 1:9):** **List any families in need.**

**Pray for "kings" and those in authority (1 Tim 2:2):** President Trump; Vice President Pence; Governor Otter

**Pray for the Gospel to Spread Among All Peoples (Matt 9:37-38):** An Unreached People Group: Kababish (Muslim, Sudan); Our missionaries: The Borchmanns