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Matthew 7:21-23 | The Most Chilling Verse in Scripture
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WELCOME:

- Please turn your Bibles to Matthew 7.
- Bibles in the back—our gift to you.

REVIEW:

For the past two weeks, we have been listening to Jesus close the most famous sermon ever preached—The Sermon on the Mount.

Today will be part three of His conclusion.

His conclusion deals with how to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

As Jesus wraps things up from this 30-minute sermon—a sermon that has taken us ten months to teach and preach—

We've seen him use several illustrations.

We learned about a choice we have to make—

Two gates/two roads—one narrow and one broad.

We choose which one to enter.

We learned that the narrow gate/road leads to Heaven.

The broad/wide road leads to Hell.

Last Sunday, we learned that if we choose the narrow road—life doesn't get easier—it actually gets harder.

Jesus then gave us a ^{specific} warning—to be on the lookout for false teachers.

A true teacher produces good fruit, and a false teacher bears bad fruit.

LW KEYPOINT #1:

False teachers are as spiritually dangerous to God's people as wolves are physically dangerous to sheep.

In other words, a false teacher is not your friend.

He is your enemy and will destroy you like a wolf destroys a sheep.

LW KEYPOINT #2:

Concealing the truth is as sinful as proclaiming lies.

False teachers don't teach the sinfulness of sin.

False teachers don't teach the total inability of man to do anything about eternal life.

Instead, his message comforts people.

He has easy answers for worldly problems.

He has no answers for eternal problems.

We then closed last Sunday with a litmus test of the quality of a Bible Teacher's message.

The last question I posed was this—

Is the teaching you're receiving— slowly transforming your life in the character and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ?

If it's not, then there is a ^{huge} problem.

① Church ② Application

INTRODUCTION:

So we have two gates and two roads.

We have two teachers that bear two very different types of fruit.

Today, Jesus introduces us to two different types of people.

Now there are all different types of people in the church.

Diversity within the church actually makes the church stronger.

The more racially diverse a church is, the stronger it can be.

The more comprehensive our testimonies, the more unified the church can be.

However, when you boil down all the different worldviews, ethnicities, nationalities, and even various theological perspectives, there are only two types of people.

Who are these people, and why do you care? Let's find out!

Please stand for the reading and honoring of God's Word.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 7:13-23 CSB

Matthew 7:13— "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it.

Matthew 7:14— How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

- + **Matthew 7:15**— “Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves.
- + **Matthew 7:16**— You'll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
- + **Matthew 7:17**— In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.
- + **Matthew 7:18**— A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.
- + **Matthew 7:19**— Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- + **Matthew 7:20**— So you'll recognize them by their fruit.
- + **Matthew 7:21**— “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven.
- + **Matthew 7:22**— On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’
- + **Matthew 7:23**— Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’

And dear friends, these are the very words from the authoritative, inerrant, inspired, and infallible Word of Almighty God.

PRAY:

Search me, God, and know my heart;

test me and know my concerns.

See if there is any offensive way in me; (Psalm 139:23)

EXEGESIS:

Matthew 7:21— “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven.

If verses 15–20, from last week, dealt with false prophets, verses 21–23 today deal with false followers.

Keep in mind, as Jesus preaches His Sermon on the Mount— that He is preaching primarily to His disciples.

A crowd of people are eavesdropping in on this sermon, but Jesus's primary audience is the twelve Disciples.

Now, at this time, disciple or not—almost everyone believed that they were destined for Heaven because of

- 1) their Jewish heritage
- 2) by obeying the Law of Moses.

Because of those two things they thought they had their ticket to Heaven.

They thought they were riding first class.

However, Jesus’ sermon confronts their bad theology time and time again.

Leading up to his conclusion, Jesus explained how:

Their righteousness must exceed the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20).

Jesus then dropped the bomb that righteousness doesn't come from doing good external deeds, but from a change of an internal heart. (Matthew 5:21–47).

Finally, Jesus gave them a standard that never crossed their minds: they must be perfect like their heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

So with that background, Jesus says....

Matthew 7:21— “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’

This repetition of Jesus’ title is interesting, isn’t it?

We see this repetition throughout Scripture.

Let me give you a few examples:

In Genesis 22, God tested Abraham’s obedience by telling him to sacrifice his only son Isaac.

Genesis 22:9 NLT— *When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.*

Genesis 22:10 NLT— *And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.*

Genesis 22:11 NLT— *At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from Heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”*

A few generations later, Jacob is traveling to Egypt...

Genesis 46:1 NLT— *So Jacob set out for Egypt with all his possessions. And when he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac.*

Genesis 46:2 NLT— During the night God spoke to him in a vision. **“Jacob! Jacob!”** he called.

When God introduced Himself to Moses in the burning bush...

Exodus 3:1 NLT—One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God.

Exodus 3:2 NLT—There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up.

Exodus 3:3 NLT—“This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it.”

Exodus 3:4 NLT— God called to him from the middle of the bush, **“Moses! Moses!”**

God called a young boy —

1 Samuel 3:2 NLT—One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed.

1 Samuel 3:3 NLT—The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God.

1 Samuel 3:4 NLT— Suddenly the Lord called out, “Samuel!”
“Yes?” Samuel replied. “What is it?”

1 Samuel 3:5 NLT— He got up and ran to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”
“I didn't call you,” Eli replied. “Go back to bed.” So he did.

1 Samuel 3:6 NLT— Then the Lord called out again, “Samuel!”
Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”
“I didn’t call you, my son,” Eli said. “Go back to bed.”

1 Samuel 3:7 NLT— Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before.

1 Samuel 3:8 NLT— So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”
Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3:9 NLT— So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went back to bed.

1 Samuel 3:10 NLT—The Lord came, stood there, and called as before,
“Samuel, Samuel!”

Before Elijah was taken up to Heaven...

2 Kings 2:11 NLT—As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into Heaven.

2 Kings 2:12 NLT— Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father! My father!”

We also see this repetition in the New Testament...

Luke 10:38— While they were traveling, Jesus entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

Luke 10:39— She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what he said.

Luke 10:40— But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand."

Luke 10:41— The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things,

Luke 10:42— but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her."

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus said...

Matthew 23:37 NLT— "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Many times Jesus emphasized his teaching by repeating Himself.

John chapter 1—Jesus is speaking to Nathaniel.

John 1:51 ESV—And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Chapter 3—Jesus speaking to Nicodemus

John 3:3 ESV—Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Chapter 5—after Jesus heals a lame man.

John 5:24 ESV—Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

Chapter 13—Jesus asks Peter...

John 13:38 ESV—Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Again Jesus tells Peter...

Luke 22:31 NLT—"Simon, Simon, look out. Satan has asked to sift you like wheat.

Luke 22:32 NLT— But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.

Perhaps the most radical example of this repetition took place when our Lord was suffering on the cross, under the curse of God, receiving the righteous wrath of His Father for our behalf...

Matthew 27:46 NLT—At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

We even see this repetition in the book of Acts with a fire-breathing Pharisee named Saul of Tarsus.

Acts 8:3 NLT—As Saul was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from Heaven suddenly shone down around him.

Acts 8:4 NLT— He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

All that to say this—when you see the repetition of someone’s name— it’s a term of personal affection.

When one person greets another by repeating their name, it shows that they have not just a casual acquaintance but a deep bond.

I wanted to ^{give} ~~provide~~ that brief history because of the gravity and urgency of Jesus’ warning today.

Matthew 7:21— “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven,

Jesus’ words are stunning, staggering, breathtaking.

This is one of the— if not the most chilling verse in the Bible.

Lord— (*kyrios*) This title conveys the idea of someone in a position of authority.

So, Jesus is saying that not everyone who addressed Him in terms of deep affection would be saved.

How can this be?

Because we see the very opposite being taught throughout the Scripture.

In the OT...

Joel 2:32—Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,

In this verse the Hebrew for LORD is —Yahweh.

Yahweh is much more than a title, but God’s personal name that He gave to Moses.

The apostle Luke quotes Joel...

Acts 2:21—Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The apostle Paul quotes Joel in...

Romans 10:13—For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

What's going on?

Why does it appear that Jesus contradicts Joel, Luke, and Paul?

First things first— A person who does not say 'Lord, Lord' ^{will} ~~shall~~ never enter the kingdom of Heaven.

In other words, confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord— is the starting point in this whole conversation of salvation.

Nobody can become a Christian unless he proclaims Jesus Christ as Lord.

Secondly, the opposite is also true—

Anyone who does not call Jesus Lord cannot enter Heaven.

So all that is pretty straightforward.

We want to ensure we don't take one verse out of context when it comes to salvation.

We need to see what other verses say about salvation. *to answer this question.*

One of the most famous verses on salvation is...

Romans 10:9— If (based on a condition) you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The apostle Paul goes on to explain why.

→ Conscience will fill decision — based on FAITH → God's GRACE

Romans 10:10— One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

It's out of our heart where this proclamation comes from.

Back to our Gospel verse.

Matthew 7:21— "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven.

In other words, many people will say that Jesus is Lord, but they don't believe it.

They have no fruit, because their heart is not right.

One of the most dangerous teachings of the 20th and 21st centuries is this idea of easy-beliveism.

PAST 100 YEARS

John 3:16 ESV—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

So what did well-intentioned, good-hearted church people do?

They tend to do what we always do—take one verse out of context and make a human works-based system.

- Simply pray the sinner's prayer, and you'll be saved.
- Signs this card!

- Walk the aisle—come just as you are!

Dear friends, none of those ways to be forgiven are found in Scripture.

It's simply lip service.

So what Jesus does from last week—He turns from focusing on false teachers to false professors, from unsound teachers to unsound hearers.

Not only can false teachers deceive us about the way of salvation, but we can deceive ourselves.

KEYPOINT 1:

A verbal proclamation of Jesus as Lord does not always indicate a repentant heart.

That's why Jesus continues...

Matthew 7:21— *but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven.*

If we were to boil all of Scripture down to one word, it would be this—obedience.

Right from the very start—

Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT—“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Deuteronomy 6:5 NLT— And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:6 NLT— And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

Deuteronomy 6:17 NLT—You must diligently obey the commands of the Lord your God—all the laws and decrees he has given you.

Deuteronomy 6:18 NLT—Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so all will go well with you.

KEYPOINT 2:

~~The Father's~~ will for your life is obedience.
God's

He wants our obedience, which means He wants *us*—not our tasks.

He wants our hearts

Luke's Gospel records this...

Luke 6:46 NLT—"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?"

If you have children or grandchildren, maybe you can relate.

Maybe a wayward spouse that says he loves you—but doesn't act like it.

KEYPOINT 3:

Salvation and obedience are inseparable.

Salvation and obedience are two sides of the same coin.

True disciples not only proclaim Jesus as Lord but also submit to his authority through obedience.

Notice here we're not talking perfection, but obedience.

KEYPOINT 4

Are you obeying the Lord with what you know about the Lord?

Why do I ask?

1 John 2:3 NLT—And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.

1 John 2:4 NLT— If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

1 John 2:5 NLT— But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him.

And guess what?

Love/Obedience produces good fruit.

Not only are we to judge Bible Teachers by their words, deeds, and fruit, but we ourselves will also bear fruit.

When a person is truly born again, he has the Spirit of God living within him (Rom. 8:9).

It's the Holy Spirit who empowers us for obedience.

God has given us a new heart, which motivates us to obey God and serve others. (Rom. 5:5)

It's out of our love/obedience that we want to do good works—not the other way around.

Good people don't go to Heaven—only forgiven sinners do.

There is no stairway to Heaven.

Matthew 7:22— On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?'

On that day— The language of "that day" points to the day of divine judgment.

-LAST week

Let me provide some background...

Isaiah 2:12 NLT—For the LORD of Heaven's Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted.

Joel 2:1 NLT—Sound the trumpet in Jerusalem! Raise the alarm on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the LORD is upon us.

Malachi 4:5 NLT—Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives.

In the NT...

1 Thess 5:2 NLT—For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

So we all have an appointment with the Lord Jesus Christ...and it's sooner than most of us think.

Matthew 7:22— On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?'

We've addressed the importance of the repetition of Lord, Lord—

In verse 22, we have more repetition.

In Your Name—it's repeated three times in this verse.

Yes, we know that there is power in Jesus' name—
But look at how deceived people use the Lord's name...

They use it as a magic power/spell.

And by doing so, they ~~degrade~~^{provoke} the Lord's holy and precious name.

Now the obvious question is, "*How could these people prophesy, cast out demons, and do miracles if they were fakes?*"

There are three possible answers.

The first, is that they were lying.

Notice how the text reads, "*Didn't we...do this and that?*"

They said they did those things—Jesus doesn't deny or confirm either way.

Secondly, it is possible they were performing miracles—but in the power of the Devil.

We have several examples of this—OT and NT.

In Moses' day, Pharaoh's magicians copied, to a certain extent, the miracles of God, but it was by the power of the Devil.

In the NT...

The Book of Acts talks about Simon the Sorcerer, who did miracles, but not in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8)

In Acts 19, we learn about the sons of a man named Sceva.

I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out! (Acts 19:13)

Needless to say that his incantation didn't work out so well—it's quite comical and terrifying at the same time.

self appointed
It seems to me that today's faith healers may want to read Acts 19 and see how well that worked out for them.

Now, I understand talking about demonic powers has some of you uncomfortable.

That's not my intention—but I do want to make sure you know the reality of the world we live in.

Third, the Lord could have been simply using these people to perform miracles in spite of themselves.

We have a perfect example of this in the Numbers.

The Lord used a false prophet named Balaam to do God's will. (Numbers 22)

It's an amazing story!

When you read Numbers 22, it's difficult at first to see whether or not Balaam is a true or false prophet.

In the NT...

During Jesus' trial...

John 11:47 NLT—Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" ~~they asked each other.~~ "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.

John 11:48 NLT—If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation."

John 11:49 NLT—Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, "You don't know what you're talking about!"

+ **John 11:50 NLT**— You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

John's commentary...

+ **John 11:51 NLT**— He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation.

Remember when

Jesus gave 72 Disciples the power to preach, heal and cast out demons.

When they came back...

+ **Luke 10:17 NLT**—When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!"

+ **Luke 10:18 NLT**— "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightning!"

+ **Luke 10:19 NLT**— Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

+ **Luke 10:20 NLT**— But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in Heaven."

It's fascinating to consider, isn't it?

Judas preached, performed miracles, cast out demons, and walked with Jesus for three years proclaiming Jesus is Lord.

But he didn't know Jesus in a personal, saving way.
How is that possible?

That may be above our pay grade to figure out.

But one thing we know for sure are the consequences of a false conversion.

Matthew 7:23— Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'

Can you imagine that?

It's important to notice the pronouns here.

Jesus says "to them," not "to you."

Jesus is not intentionally trying to scare His disciples.

What He is trying to do, is wake up those who profess faith without having faith.

Also notice Jesus' claim.

Matthew 7:23— Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'

"I will..."

Jesus gives us a glimpse of His sovereign authority.

The prophet Isaiah writes,

Isaiah 33:22 NLT—For the Lord is our judge,
our lawgiver, and our king.
He will care for us and save us.

That is what Jesus claims here of himself.

1. Jesus is the lawgiver.
2. Jesus is judge.
3. Jesus is king.

Therefore, Jesus is the only one with the power to pardon or convict for eternity.

The pardon comes through the legal substitutionary atonement of Christ himself.

Jesus is the way, gate and the narrow road.

Conviction comes to everyone else who choose the wide road.

+ **Matthew 7:23**— *Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you.*

The old adage fits well here—it's not who you know but who knows you.

'Knew/to know' (*ginōskō*) means to recognize or 'take a special interest in',

The Hebrew *yada* is it's equivalent in many ways.

+ **Amos 3:2**—*I have known only you
out of all the clans of the earth;*

+ **Psalm 139:1 NLT**—*O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.*

+ **Psalm 139:2 NLT**—*You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.*

+ **Psalm 139:4 NLT**—*You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.*

+ **Psalm 139:23 NLT**—*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
There's an intimacy in knowing the Lord.*

How much more | as your Creator, Lord, and Savior does he know you?

Finally, verse 23 is, in my opinion, the most chilling verse in all of Scripture.

Matthew 7:23— *'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'*

And with those words, on that judgment day, this person will be escorted out of the courtroom, similar to a bailiff escorting a criminal to prison.

But this is not the Peoples Court or Judge Judy.

It is no joke.

From the very beginning, God banished Adam and Eve from the garden—why?

Disobedience.

Banishment is the ^{mandatory} essential punishment for rebellion.

This person will no longer enjoy the grace of God.

He will experience only the wrath of God for eternity.

Jesus says, **Depart from Me**— that is the final sentence from Jesus as Lord and Judge.

The gavel has swung down and His judgment is final.

It is a sentence to a very real place called Hell.

In fact, it is the identical sentence in Matthew 25:41 at the Lord's return:

Matthew 25:41— *'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels!'*

These verses may trouble you.

And I get that. But let's look at the other side of the coin.

For those who have been obedient and are true disciples, this verse provides hope.

Hope that God will do what He said he would do—make every wrong right.

Justice will be served perfectly, by the Lord Jesus Himself.

PREACH:

How can you be sure that you'll never hear those terrifying words?

We want to hear, "*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*" (Matt 25:23)

The apostle Paul writes...

2 Corinthians 13:5—Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless you fail the test.

How do you fail the test?—disobedience.

Two things stand out:

1. FORGIVENESS—If you refuse to forgive someone, you don't understand the cross. The longer we walk with the Lord, the faster we are to run to that person and ask for forgiveness. *How are we accept Christ's forgiveness? Not extend forgiveness to others,*

2. EXAMINATION—Refusing to examine yourself in light of the Scripture.

people — you fail the test

One of the many things I learned as an addict was that I'm only as sick as my secrets.

Dear friends, today is a good day to examine yourself.

Are you a Christian? Time will tell.

A cathedral in Lübeck, Germany, has these words graved into the stone.

You call Me master and obey Me not,
 you call Me light and see Me not,
 you call Me the way and walk Me not,
 you call Me life and live Me not,
 you call Me wise and follow Me not,
 you call Me fair and love Me not,
 you call Me rich and ask Me not,
 you call Me eternal and seek Me not,
 if I condemn you, blame Me not.

PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:27 NLT— So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. *unworthy manner*

1 Corinthians 11:28 NLT— That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

1 Corinthians 11:29 NLT— For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

1 Corinthians 11:30 NLT— That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

1 Corinthians 11:31 NLT— But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.

1 Corinthians 11:32 NLT— Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Instructing



BENEDICTION

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim 1:17)

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