

Scriptures to Consider

True and False Believers

Many will say, Lord, Lord... Matthew 7:21-23

21. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23. Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Wheat and Tares grow together – Matthew 13:24-30

24. Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28. "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29. "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Many are called, few are chosen – Matthew 22:10-14

10. So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. 13. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14. "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Make you calling and election sure – 2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11. and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lord knows them that are his – 2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Wolves in sheep's clothing – Matthew 7:13-15

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. 15. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

By their fruits you will know them – Matthew 7:16-20

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? 17. Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

They went out from us but were not of us. – 1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

If they should fall away... - Hebrews 6:4-6

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5. who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6. **if they fall away**, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.