

- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you. (JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20)

*"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast."* EPHESIANS 2:8, 9

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## *Have You Examined Yourself Lately?*

The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 6:43-49



*The heart of a Christian is revealed by the fruit of their life and the foundation of their faith.*

### Recognized by Our Life's Statements

What we \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves and others: Fruit vv. 43-44

*No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.*

- Realities v. 43
- Recognitions v. 44

### Revealed in Our Everyday Actions

What we \_\_\_\_ corresponds to what we treasure. v. 45a

*The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.*

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

LUKE 12:34

- What do you treasure?
- Is there evil in your heart? How do you deal with it?
- What does the good man treasure? (2 COR. 4:7)

## Ratified in Our Comments and Conversation

What we \_\_\_\_\_ indicates the excesses in our heart v. 45b

*For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.*

*But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'*

MATTHEW 15:19-20

- Idle words...
- Taming the tongue JAMES 3

## Realized in Our Response of Jesus vv. 46-49

*Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.*

How we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus uncovers our confession. v. 46

What we \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus uncovers our heart and determines our destiny. vv. 47-48

- Biblical faith explained v. 47
- The illustration vv. 48-49

## How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (ROMANS 3:23)