

Bible Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 132

The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

This week – The Lord Jesus Christ shows us five graces which identify a true Christian.

The Lord Jesus said,
“By their fruit ye shall know them.”
“Not everyone that saith unto Me, ‘Lord, Lord’,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that
doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.”
Matthew 7v20-21

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 7v15-23 (False prophets are known by their fruits)	
Monday	Genesis 3v1-24 (Satan is the father of lies)	
Tuesday	Matthew 23v1-22 (Christ called Religious Leaders, hypocrites)	
Wednesday	Matthew 23v23-39 (Beware of false prophets)	
Thursday	2 Timothy 3 (All scripture is inspired, profitable)	
Friday	1 John 3 (Love Christ - keep His commandments)	
Saturday	Revelation 22v1-21 (Even so, come, Lord Jesus)	

Important Lesson for us Today. Are you confused by the variety of messages from many who call themselves ‘Christian’? True Christianity is based on Bible truth alone, not the thoughts of men. So, we must read our Bibles and learn from this lesson how to identify Christian truth – **note the 5 marks of grace taught.** Liberal theologians do not accept the Bible as God’s truth so they change its’ meaning. **Key errors are** – No Creator God, Adam’s fall into sin has no consequence for us today, no need to repent, no judgement to come, no real Heaven or Hell. **False teachers preach another ‘gospel’ which cannot save.**

Hymn 338 – The Lord has given us His truth in His Word the Bible. Words of Eternal Life.

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| <p>1. How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guid our souls to Heaven.</p> <p>3. I’ll read the histories of Thy love,
And keep Thy laws in sight;
While through Thy promises I’ll rove
With ever fresh delight.</p> | <p>2. Lord, I have made Thy Word my choice,
My lasting heritage;
Here shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.</p> <p>5. The sole relief that mourners have,
This makes our sorrows blest;
Our glorious hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.</p> |
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EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet

The Lord Warns Us To Not Follow False Teachers.

- **The Lord’s Parable challenges us to ask** – Are we a true Christian?
 - **Two Trees Contrasted** – One bears the right fruit, the other corrupt fruit.
 - **A Tree’s Fruit** shows us what type of tree it is, and if it is useful, or not. Meaning, there are true Christians and also false ones. So beware.
- **False Teachers** – Liberal (free thinkers, own ideas), non-Biblical views.
 - **At School** – Promoting these views, criticising the Bible, and true faith. Pushing the man-made Theory of Evolution as proven fact; saying, “**no God**”.
 - **Unbelieving Clergy/Ministers** – Often on TV, Denying 6 Day Creation, Christ’s Divinity, His Virgin birth, His resurrection, and Christ’s miracles, etc. Treating God’s Word as a collection of man-made myths and legends.
 - **TV Evangelists** – Easy-Believism (no repentance); often seeking money.
 - **Celebrity ‘Worldly Christians’** – Un-Christlike, without any change of heart.
- **Five Good Fruits which mark out True Christian Character:**
 - **A Repentant Person** – Humble, with a true heart-felt sorrow for sin, and hatred of it. Striving to overcome the old nature of lying, hating, lusting, etc.
 - **A Changed Heart** – Showing deep love for God and His truth, a desire to be like Christ, putting Him first in our life; sincerely worshipping and serving Him.
 - **A Bible Believing Person** – Accepting it as God inspired, perfect, without error; profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and for instruction in righteousness.
 - **A Praying Person** – In daily communion with the Lord - in praise, thanking Him for dying on Calvary to save us; repenting our sin, seeking forgiveness for it; asking for guidance through life, and for blessing on others.
 - **A Loving Person** – Looking for our closest friends among other Christians (of all ages); able to talk about the Lord - what He has done for our soul, and a desire to witness to others who do not know the Lord as their personal Saviour.
- **The True Local Church of Jesus Christ** – It is the People, not the building.
 - **A Membership of True Believers** – With a clear testimony of faith in Christ.
 - **Faithful Ministry** – Preaching God’s Word – The Gospel, and applied Doctrine.
 - **God Honouring Worship** – Reverent, Christ-centered, with meaningful words.
 - **Evangelical Heart** - Reaching out into the local community with the Gospel.

Are you a true Christian? Does your life show the ‘fruit of the good tree’? - the five marks of grace listed above; **OR are you believing, and following, the false teachers?**

The Apostle Peter wrote, “*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.*”
2 Peter 2v9.