

Not Every One
(Part One)

“Not every one 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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

In Matthew chapter 5 Jesus began His great Sermon on the Mount, and in Matthew chapter 7 Jesus ends this sermon with frightening words. In fact, Jesus says the most frightening words to religious people of anything He ever said. This is what He said: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. He then said in verse 22 and 23, “Many will say to me in that day (referring to the day of final judgment), Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Frightening words!

Solomon the writer of Proverbs observed, “*There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness*” (Proverbs 30:12). He also said, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are the ways of death*” (Proverbs 14:12).

Paul, when speaking about the Jews said, “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:2-3).

There are millions of people who feel religious, millions of people who associate with Christianity, and millions of people who are moral. Our world is filled with people like this. But these people will not enter heaven. According to Jesus “many” who call Him Lord, Lord, will not go to heaven, but will go to hell. They will spend eternity in hell, suffering everlasting punishment.

One writer said, “It is possible. It is common. It is generally true that the majority of people who acknowledge that they believe in Jesus will never enter heaven. To say nothing of a world of religious people who are in religions other than some form of Christianity.”

This is frightening. This is terrifying. And it amazes me that so many churches think so little of this fact. They are wrapped up in being liked, being popular, and

being stylish. The Word of God takes second place in so many contemporary religious setting.

Contemporary thinking says, “Man is the product of evolution.” And the contemporary church is doing everything within its power not to offend this type of mind-set. But the Bible teaches that we are created by a personal God. And the New Testament reveals that it was Jesus who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Jesus is that personal God. And all who will not come to Jesus for salvation, the Bible teaches, will be consigned to hell forever.

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