

## February 2004 Teachings & Warnings from the Lord

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Who are these Christians spoken about in these two scriptures and what were their works.

**1 Corinthians 3:10-15** **10** *Because of God's special favor to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. 11 For no one can lay any other foundation than the one we already have--Jesus Christ. 12 Now anyone who builds on that foundation may use gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. 14 If the work survives the fire, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames. (NLT)*

**Matthew 7:21-23** **21** *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. 22 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? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)*

Here is the answer to the question. First the Holy Spirit pointed out two different groups of Christians the scriptures are talking about. As I began to type up what I was taught the Holy Spirit showed me there were three different groups. Again we must be in the Spirit and born of the

Spirit to hear what the Spirit is saying and to wait upon the Spirit. Otherwise how can we be taught by the Spirit who is our teacher?

The Lord has been taking me back to Matthew 7:21-23 time and time again in this past year. I used both of these scriptures in the booklet 'How to Prepare to Be Qualified to Serve in the Army of Jesus Christ' as warnings that Paul and Jesus gave us about our works. Then one morning in prayer the Holy Spirit opened my mind to this truth.

The key to part of the answer is in Matthew 7:21-- *but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.* Jesus spoke of doing the will of the Father many times in The New Testament. How do we come to know the will of the Father? We have to have been born again, born of water (water baptized) and of the Spirit (baptized by the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues), put off the old man and put on the new man in the image of Christ, be washed in the water of the Word of God, come to know God in our prayer closet and take of the communion with Christ daily (our first love). Other words we are working out our own salvation daily with fear the trembling. In doing these things we will come to know the voice of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and will be led by the Holy Spirit to do the will of the Father.

In 1 Corinthians 3:14 Paul states that if the work survives the fire, that builder will receive a reward. Jesus in Revelation states that we must be overcomers to receive the rewards he spoke of in chapters two and three. If the works survives the fire and a reward is given then that Christian has done the seven steps to maturity from above and found the will of the Father which is in heaven and is obeying the Spirit doing the will of the Father. He will rule and reign with Christ on earth for one thousand years.

In 1 Corinthians 3:15, the builder's work was burned up with the builder suffering great loss. But the builder was saved but like someone escaping through a wall of flames. That Christian received no reward and suffered greatly to be saved. He was disobedient to the commands of Christ, never being born of the Spirit and never knowing the will of the Father walking in darkness by his flesh always under the discipline of God because he professed Christ as his Lord and Savior. But by God's mercy he is saved not being in unrepented sin. He will be with Christ on earth for the thousand years, but he will not rule and reign with Christ. ***Revelation 3:19 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.***

*(KJV) Hebrews 12:8 <sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. (KJV)*

In Matthew 7:22 Jesus was speaking to those that will not enter into the kingdom of heaven for they knew not the will of the Father in heaven. Yet they prophesied in his name, cast out devils in his name and did many wonderful works in his name. These are Christians who have been born again, born of water and born of the Spirit reading just enough of the Word of God to grasp the promises of God and believed and had the faith to do the works above. But they never were washed in the Word of God and never came into intimacy with God from within their prayer closet. They never knew the will of the Father in heaven and were not lead by the Spirit but by their own desires thinking they were doing works pleasing to God. Jesus said to them depart from me you that work iniquity.

Brothers and sisters the Word of God is very clear as to who we are to be in Christ and we are to obey the commands of Christ. He is the living Word coming unexpectedly for his Church and we are to be ready at all times. God changes not and Jesus is the same always. We must change obeying the Word of God today to be ready for the living Word tomorrow. As a professing Christian, are you being lead by the Spirit knowing the will of the Father in heaven and hearing the Spirit doing the will of the Father in heaven? God have no favorites and we will all be judged by what we say and do in this life. I pray that you will be speaking the truth of the Word without compromise doing the will of the Father in heaven to receive not only the crown of life but all the rewards laid up in heaven where moth and rust cannot touch. Amen.

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