

Correct doctrines in Christianity

The Narrow Way

“Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

I Never Knew You

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ **Matt 7:13-23**

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People who practice lawlessness are in rebellion to God and are never saved to begin with. Jesus says here, “I never knew you”—i.e., you were never saved. Notice, these are people who went to church, but yet never had a true relationship with Jesus Christ. Few find the narrow gate to salvation. This means a lot of people in church are not going to heaven.

There are three doctrines held and taught within the church. Two are correct and one is wrong.

Doctrine #1

A true Christian cannot lose their salvation—this is correct and taught everywhere in Scripture. There is eternal security of the believer.

Doctrine #2

There are people who think they are saved, but they are not saved and never were saved. This is correct and Matt 7:13-23 addresses this. There are people within the church who think they are Christians but they are not. They practice sin and lawlessness. They refuse to subject themselves to the Lordship of Christ. They refuse to surrender to Jesus. They live in unrepentant sin and never repent. They do not have Jesus in them. They do not have the Holy Spirit in them. They never change for the better. They never undergo sanctification. You never see fruits of the Holy Spirit. There is no transformation in them and they love their sin more than Jesus. They do not love Jesus, do not love their neighbor and do not forgive their brother; instead, they practice sin and evil. They are workers of iniquity (sin) and are not saved and were never saved (Matt 7:13-23, Luke 13:26-28). They never had a personal relationship with Jesus. Therefore, Jesus does not know them and He never knew them, i.e., they were never saved.

Doctrine #3

Some false teachers teach that a believer can lose their salvation. This is incorrect. There is eternal security of the believer and a true Christian cannot lose their salvation. Basically, people who believe doctrine #3, that a person has lost their salvation, must realize that this person was never saved in the first place and Doctrine #2 is what truly occurred. When a person truly loves Jesus and is in love with Jesus, their faith gets stronger over time, not weaker. If the person "falls away" they were never saved and never had genuine saving faith.