

Either or Religion

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Introduction

1. Matthew 7:13-29
2. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, we find a series of choices.
3. How we react to this choices will make all the difference on where we will be for eternity
4. The Bible is full of choices with the extortion to choose good, Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Joshua 24:14-15; John 6:66-69
5. We want to look at the series of choices in our text

II Discussion

1. We can choose a broadway or the narrow way 13-14
 1. The narrow is filled with few but is open to all 1 Timothy 2:4
 2. Luke 13:24 says, to seek to enter in
 3. There are different ways to seek, seeking casually and seeking seriously
2. We can choose what kind of tree and what kind of fruit we will be 15-20
 1. The text has to do with false teachers, we are to try the spirits and not follow them 1 John 4:1
 2. We will bring forth some kind of fruit, which will it be good or bad Apple or crab apple?
3. We can choose to either acknowledge or deny Christ
 1. Religion is more than lip service verse 21; Matthew 15:8
 2. Religion is more than activity verses 22-23
 3. It must be according to His will verse 21
4. We can choose which foundation to build on
 1. Both heard a polite listener or a obedient listener? James 1:22-25
 2. Outward appearance could have been the same for both buildings, the foundation made the difference
 3. Jesus Christ should be our foundation Matthew 16:13-19; 1 Corinthians 3:11
5. We can choose to be either encouraged or discouraged
 1. Why would we be discouraged? Proverbs 23:7
 2. It is time to overcome negative feelings and get on with salvation!

III Conclusion

1. He have choices before us today: Narrow or broad, good or bad fruit or tree, confess or deny, and which foundation to build upon.
2. You will decide someone else can't do it for you!
3. We know what will happen if we choose good and if we choose bad!
4. Some are choosing the bad make some changes in your life and choose good today!

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