

SOTM21-Only the Son Can Save You

Mat 7:21-23 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.

Notice the subject matter here is still on “entering” the kingdom of heaven. The “many” in this verse think they will enter because they have called Jesus their Lord. Jesus is very clear about who will enter and who will not. Those who “do the will of the Father in heaven” will enter. At the end of the passage Jesus makes it clear that those who continue to work iniquity will not enter the kingdom of heaven, no matter if they declare with their mouth that Jesus is their Lord or not. Jesus makes it clear that religious activity is not enough. Doing works in His name is not enough.

IF YOU CONTINUE IN HABITUAL SIN ... YOU DO NOT KNOW HIM. Worse than that, if you continue in habitual sin ... you do not love Him. In this passage, Jesus told them He did not know them.

1Co 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

Jesus knows them that love Him. Many “Christians” who live in habitual sin will at the same time adamantly, with tears, declare that they love Jesus even while they continue living in iniquity. Jesus made it clear who loves Him and who does not:

Joh 14:21-24 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.

Commandments, words, sayings ... these are all referring to the teachings of Christ. Or you could say, the gospel of Christ. Those who love Him, keep His commandments, His teachings, His sayings. Those who “say” they love Him but do not keep His

commandments, His teachings, His sayings ... do not love Him and in truth ... they do not even know Him.

1Jn 2:3-6 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. (4) He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (6) He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

This is all predicated on what Jesus taught in John chapter eight:

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

There is no such thing as “following Him” without doing what He says. To say you are a follower of His, yet to continue to walk in darkness, to live in habitual iniquity, simply shows you to be a liar. You are not following Him. You do not know Him. You do not love Him and ... He does not know you. God is omniscient. He knows every hair on your head. This is referring to the Lord know those who are His:

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Remember: 1Co 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

Jesus goes on to teach in more fine detail to make sure we understand what He is saying at the conclusion of SOTM.

Mat 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: (25) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: (27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

We normally teach this passage in the light of standing on the Word of God to make sure our house remains standing after we go through the storms of life. It is okay to teach it that way, and it is a fruit of the passage ... but the subject matter here is ... are you going to “enter the kingdom of God” or are you not? The “house” being discussed here is your eternal habitation. Will it be with God as a son in God’s house? **THE ONLY SECURE FOUNDATION IS TO BE A DOER OF CHRIST’S SAYINGS. NOT A HEARER ONLY, BUT A DOER OF THE WORD!**

While in prayer the Holy Spirit said to me in a Face To Face manner:

“There is no higher form of believing that Jesus is raised from the dead and that He is your Lord than doing His sayings. He said, “My words are spirit and they are life.” Those that do His sayings are those that have life. They are the ones who have the Son. He that has the Son has life. He that has not the Son has not life. Those who do not His sayings neither know Him nor love Him. Doing his sayings is believing on Him.”

1Jn 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

1Jn 5:18-21 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. (19) *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (20) And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (21) Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The Authority of the King ... the King of the kingdom

Mat 7:28-29 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: (29) For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

If the king says, you will not enter my kingdom unless you do my sayings ... that is the end of all discussion. There is no higher authority than the king. None of your arguments to the contrary have any weight at all. The king has spoken. The matter is settled.

If the gospel ended here, all men would be in the despair of hopelessness because no man could keep the law of Moses, and now Jesus has raised the bar much higher. Thank God we have the epistles written by the apostles, and thank God we have the Holy Spirit, the One who has been sent to guide us into all truth.

No man can live this life without Christ abiding in him. The mystery of the gospel is “Christ in you, your hope of glory.” Remember lesson number twelve in the SOTM, The Savior On the Inside. Review it again and again until it has become part of you.

Only the Son can save you

Religion cannot save you. Even religion centered around the Son cannot save you. Only the Son has life. He joins with your spirit in such a way a new creature is the result. You and the Son have become one. He that has the Son has life. Not just the life of the Son. The Son Himself. He that has not the Son has not life.

You only have the Son if you do His sayings. Not only His written sayings in the Word of God, but His sayings within you.

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

The mercy of God is shown by His Son shedding His blood as the payment for your sins. The grace of God is shown by God making it possible for His Son to be in you. “Christ in you” is what Paul wrote about so often:

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Paul calls it the spirit of life. Jesus referred to it as the light of life. Ultimately it is “Christ in you, your hope of glory.”

You have been joined to the Lord and you have become one spirit with Him. Christ has come on the inside and joined with your spirit in such a way to make you a new creature. You are not alone in this walk. It is “Christ in you” that empowers you to live the SOTM.

What good is it to have Christ in you if you do not yield to His lordship? The first level of yielding to the lordship of Christ is obeying the voice of the conscience given you when you are born again. Immediately, Christ begins driving out iniquity from the temple of God by the voice of your born again conscience. If you yield and obey, you are demonstrating that you are truly a son of God. You are yielding to the King that is now

enthroned upon your heart. That is what the following passage is talking about regarding mortifying the flesh:

Rom 8:13-14 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Little “s” in both verses. It is Christ in you all right, but remember ... you are joined together with Christ. You and Christ have become one spirit. You are now empowered by His strength in your inner man. That is the grace of God. It gives you the power to live the SOTM. Here is just a sampling of the many verses that speak this truth:

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

In a way, this brings us back full circle to the very first Beatitude:

Mat 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What does poor in spirit mean? I recommend you hear these messages more than once. It is the attitude of the soldier who is on temporary assignment in wartime in a foreign land. He is totally dependent upon the military for his food, his clothing, his weapons, his ammunition, his assignments, and yes ... his very life is in the hands of his superior.

This is how we serve the living Christ within us. We yield our lives to Him, understanding that we are on temporary assignment in a land that is not our home, doing warfare against spiritual enemies. Our lives are in His hands, not our own. Jesus lived in complete surrender to the will of the Father. We live in complete surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. And we do it all in love for the One who loved us enough to die for us.

Luk 9:23-24 And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (24) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.