

Practical Theology  
Manifestations of True Salvation / False Professions

Resources: [Practical Theology Class 2024/2025](#)

Sermons: [What is a Christian](#) (7/18/1999); [Which Way to Heaven](#) (10/26/2014); [Building on Solid Ground](#) – Matthew 7:24-27 (11/16/14)

Questions

- 1) Salvation comes by God's grace through faith and not by works. (Eph. 2:8-9). What is the object of saving faith? What must be believed?
- 2) What role does repentance play in salvation? (Matthew 3:8, 11; 4:17; Luke 5:32; 15:10; Acts 2:38; 11:18; Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Peter 3:9).

Why do some evangelists want to diminish or eliminate the role of repentance in salvation?

- 3) What do each of these passages teach about false professions of salvation?

Matthew 7:13-27

Matthew 13:24-30

Matthew 25:31-46

Romans 2:1-16

Romans 2:17-31

Galatians 1:6-9; 2:4-5

2 Timothy 4:1-4

2 Peter 2:1-3

- 4) According to 1 John, what are some of the evidences that distinguish between a true Christian and someone with a false profession of faith.
- 5) What should be your response to someone that professes to be a Christian, but does not exhibit the manifestations of true salvation?
- 6) What should be your response to someone that is resistant to correction of heretical beliefs or practices that are obviously sinful?