

THE PARABLES—Part 5

Luke 6:46-49

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1. 6:46 To address Jesus as “Lord, Lord” was to address Him as the one true God; it demonstrated strength of devotion and dedication.
2. 6:46 Jesus was talking about those who claim to have made a profession of faith in Him.
3. Two categories of self-deception (Matthew 7:13-14):
 - Because of mere intellectual knowledge—those who hear, but do not do
 - Because of mere verbal profession—those who say, but do not do
4. Three contributors to self-deception:
 - False teaching—being misled and never understanding what it means to be a repentant sinner
 - False understanding of assurance of salvation—not giving evidence of fruit through continued obedience to the Word of God (John 8:31)
 - God’s own Spirit witnesses to those who truly belong to Him (Romans 8:14, 16).
 - 2 Peter 1:3-11 Be diligent about these 7 qualities and you will see the evidence of your salvation:
 1. Moral excellence—What are you allowing into your life?
 2. Knowledge—What are you allowing into your mind?
 3. Self-control—What dominates your life?
 4. Perseverance—How determined are you in your walk with God?
 5. Godliness—How would your friends and family define your walk?
 6. Brotherly kindness—What is your attitude toward others?
 7. Love—This is the outcome of all the others combined... Are you loving well?
 - Failure of self-examination—having a presumptuous view of grace by going through life unconcerned about sin
 - Self-examination looks at our inner motives to see if we are focused on God or self (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5).
 - The person who professes to be a Christ-follower but habitually sins is saying with their behavior that God is a liar.

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