

Rooted in Christ, Not Counterfeits

Matthew 7:15–23

This is probably one of the most terrifying passages to encounter. Jesus will say to people who did great things in His name: “Depart from me, I never knew you. How can this be?”

It’s easy to assume that being busy equals closeness. That doing things “for God” is the same as walking *with* God. But Jesus calls us to something deeper, not a performance, but a relationship. Not simply collecting and rearranging fruit, but actually growing real spiritual fruit from being really rooted deep in the soil.

Counterfeit faith can impress people. Real faith abides in Christ and slowly, steadily bears the kind of fruit that only God can produce.

So today, let us take a moment. Not to question whether you’ve done *enough*, but to ask:

Am I rooted in Christ?

Do I know Him and more importantly, does He know me?

Let’s be a church that grows *people*, not performances. Let’s be disciples who are deeply rooted in Christ, whose lives whisper (and shout), “I know Him. I trust Him. I follow Him.”

Because at the end of the day, it’s not the noise we made, the works we did, or the crowds we drew that will matter, only this: Did we abide in Christ, and did He abide in us?

Grace & Truth,

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CLOSING CHORUS # 290
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Draw me near—er, near—er, bless—ed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me near—er, near—er, near—er, bless-ed Lord,
To Thy pre—cious, bleed—ing side..

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HYMN OF PRAISE * 48 vs. 1–3
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON
MINISTRIES/PRAYER

ANTHEM “Not What My Hands Had Done” Margaret Sarratori

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Revelation 21:6–8

HYMN OF OFFERING * 293 vs. 1–4 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

OFFERTORY PRAYER Martha West, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:15–23 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Rooted in Christ: Living the Kingdom Vision
MESSAGE “Rooted in Christ, Not Counterfeits” Pastor Dillon Evans

HYMN OF INVITATION * 280 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS * 290 “I Am Thine, O Lord”

“As you go, make disciples...” Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

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