

## NOT ALL ARE SAVED

Matthew Chapter 7.12-27

### MAKE BELIEVERS: BLESSED ASSUMPTION

Matthew 7.12-23

This text is one of the most sobering in all of the bible. When we examine our lives, we can sometimes realize that we can easily rest not in "blessed assurance," but "blessed assumption." A few things to note about this challenging text:

- These people genuinely believed they were saved.
- These people genuinely had some type of external "fruit."
- These were not believers who "lost" their salvation, but rather Jesus "never" knew them.

### TRUE BELIEVERS: BLESSED ASSURANCE

2 Corinthians 13.5

#### **Christianity without discipleship is Christianity without Christ.**

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

#### **How do you know if you are really a believer?**

There will be a consistent growing of both inward fruit and outward fruit, as well as a continuing diminishing of inward bad fruit, and outward bad fruit.

Galatians 5.16-26 // Matthew 7.24-27 // 1 John 2.3-6

**We are saved by grace alone,  
but the grace that saves is never alone.**

-Martin Luther

James 1.22-24, 2.18-26

### HELPING OTHERS SEE JESUS

#### **So how do you help someone know if you are really a believer?**

Ultimately, we can't know for sure whether a person who professes Christ but living in sin is saved or not. We do pray for discernment, as well as grace and love. But we also should not live in a false "blessed assumption." We need to seek God on how we can help point them to the Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 13.18-23 // 1 John 2.19



## NOTES:

### Recommended Resources

#### Radical by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship. Currently, our Steering Team, Community Group Leaders, and

#### The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com) or **John Hawthorne** at [hawthorne-john@hotmail.com](mailto:hawthorne-john@hotmail.com)

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 7.12-27**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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The question of whether we can lose our salvation or not is known as the doctrine of "eternal security" or "perseverance (or preservation) of the saints." Why do you think it's important for us to have a good, solid understanding of this doctrine?

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The bible lets us know that it is possible and important for us to know for sure whether we are believers. **1 John** is rife with verses about this; John's purpose in that epistle is so that we would know for sure. Read **2 Corinthians 13.5**. Why does Paul ask the Corinthians to examine themselves, and what do you think the "test" might be? \_\_\_\_\_

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Clearly, the test is not just *saying* you are a believer (for instance, by saying "Lord, Lord!"), and the test is not just *doing* things that are "Christian" activities (going to church, reading the Word or even casting out demons!).

Read **1 John 2.19, 20, James 2.19**, and **2 Timothy 3.1-9** (focus on **verse 5**). How do these passages show us that simply saying or believing that you are a Christian is not what it takes to ensure that you are a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

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Martin Luther famously said, "we are saved by grace alone, but the grace that saves is never alone." Read the verses he is echoing in **James 2.14-20, 26**. Our works will *prove* that we are saved; but remember these works are not just outward works of obedience, but *most importantly* inward works of repentance, heart change, worship, and love for God and people (fruit of the Holy Spirit (**Galatians 5.19-26**)). In what ways have you seen "evidence," even if small, that you are saved and that the Holy Spirit is truly at work within you?

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In what ways can you cultivate more fruit so that you can be more and more assured that you are an adopted child of God? See **Colossians 1.23** for a clue. Then read **John 17.17, 2 Timothy 3.16, 17, Hebrews 4.12**. \_\_\_\_\_

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Lastly, on Sunday, Jobey mentioned how he often attempts to help people who claim to be believers but are walking in a life of sin to "self-examine" themselves. Read through **Matthew 13.18-23**. What other verses do you think are good "self-exam" verses that you can use to share with others in your life who might be resting in their "blessed assumption"? Add those people to your prayer time, and ask God for the opportunity to use you to share these truths with them.