

How do you know the difference of those who are Christ's from those who claim to be?

Matt. 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 ***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. 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall ***revile*** you, and ***persecute*** you, and shall say ***all manner of evil*** against you ***falsely, for my sake.*** 12 ***Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.***

Gal. 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? 2Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

Matt. 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, ***Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*** 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Job. 42:7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: ***for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right,*** as my servant Job hath. 8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and ***go to my servant Job,*** and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and ***my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept:*** lest I deal with you after your folly, ***in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right,*** like my servant Job. 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the

Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: **the LORD also accepted Job.** 10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Ps. 35:11 **False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge** things that I knew not. 12 **They rewarded me evil for good** to the spoiling of my soul. 13 But as for me, **when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting;** and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. 14 **I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.** 15 **But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together:** yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: 16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. 17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:** 35 **For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:** 36 **Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.** 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.** 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:** 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.** 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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voice, “I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest.” ***Here Christ identifies himself with his suffering people. Saul, in persecuting the followers of Jesus, had struck directly against the Lord of Heaven.*** Jesus declares that in afflicting his brethren upon earth, Saul had struck against their Head and Representative in Heaven. ***In falsely accusing and testifying against them, he had falsely accused and testified against the Saviour of the world. Here it is plainly seen that Christ suffers in the person of his saints.*** LP 25.1

When the perfect love of God is in the heart, wonderful things will be done. Christ will be in the heart of the believer as a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. ***But those who manifest indifference to the suffering ones of humanity will be charged with indifference to Jesus Christ in the person of His suffering saints. Nothing saps spirituality from the soul more quickly than to enclose it in selfishness and self-caring.*** CS 27.1

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Ps. 109:4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. 5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

“Spiritually,” this power “is called Sodom.” What was the characteristic sin of Sodom?—*Licentiousness*. Did France have this character?—She did; *fornication* was established *by law* during the period spoken of. “Spiritually,” the place was “where our Lord was crucified.” Was this true in France?—It was, in more senses than one. A plot was laid in France to destroy all the pious Huguenots; and in one night (Aug. 24, 25, 1572) *fifty thousand* of them were murdered in cold blood, and the streets of Paris literally ran with blood. Thus our Lord was “spiritually crucified” ***in his members.*** Again, the watchword and motto of the French infidels was, “CRUSH THE WRETCH,” meaning Christ. Thus it may be truly said, “where our Lord was crucified.” The very spirit of the “bottomless pit” was poured out in that wicked nation. DAR 501.1

Note: And just so all professed Christians today who do the same are persecuting Christ through His people.

Rev. 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of ***them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*** 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Ps. 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Christ had such an experience in His humanity that He would be close beside every one who passes through suffering ***for the truth's sake***—those who are tortured, imprisoned in dungeons, and bound in chains. Christ ministered unto these. ***It was Christ in the person of His saints who suffered.*** And all who cause His people to suffer, will experience this suffering will in their own bodies, be they pope, legate, priests, or people. ***They will understand in that day that they were dealing with Christ in the person of His saints.*** Then they will understand the wrath of the Lamb. 12LtMs, Ms 137, 1897, par. 7

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and ***judgment was given unto them:*** and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

1Cor. 4:10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. 11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; 12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: 13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

2Thess. 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 5 ***Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:*** 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you

who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2Tim. 3:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Heb. 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

1Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Rev. 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.