



I. **Luke 13:22-27 / Matthew 7:21-23**

A. What is a Christian? (The Question we asked the last 2 weeks).

1. **Follower, Disciple, Believer...His Sheep**
2. Last week we learned a valuable lesson that ties into both of these scriptures today: If you are God's sheep, what are the 2 qualifications that you should obtain? (**John 10:27 – Hear His Voice and Obey**).
3. Do you find it interesting that Jesus mentions in both of these scriptures that very few people are actually saved? And He also uses a key word that correlates to John 10:27 by saying, “I NEVER **KNEW** YOU.”
 - The revelation is in what *we are doing* not in what we have done...
 - Are you actively and intentionally hearing the voice of God and obeying Him or has it become a form of godliness, where there is no power, but instead...weakness, and defeat? Remember, A Christian carries the name and was never supposed to live at a sup-par standard. If you are a Christian, you should be Different. (Above only...Happy...In Perfect Peace).

B. What Separates You?

1. **Submission**....(Something that is missing terribly today...no accountability...no counsel...no joy!) (In the last days, people will be lovers of their own selves, disobedient, truce breakers, without self-control, prideful, etc.)
 - The Obedience Factor...let us discuss this openly: God is not interested in putting laws over your head that are unbearable and difficult. Just like you as a Father or Mother...you have rules for your children, WHY? For their protection. Our loving Father recognizes the enemy's plan; so He gives us instruction from the Bible and from His Holy Spirit every day so we can avoid EVERY pitfall in the devil's hands! If you are not submitted, you have no power because you are independent rather than dependent; *you are no different than the devil.... “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty...” (Ezekiel 28:17).*
 - Listen carefully: When you reach heaven's gates and you are asked “What gives you the right to enter into heaven this day?” ...If your answer is in the first person, you have lost your way.... “Because I have faith, Because I believed, Because I did this, etc...” The only answer that anyone has a right to give is in the 3rd person: “What gives you the right?” Answer: “Because HE....died for my sins; Because HE shed His blood for me; Because He first loved me!!!!”
 - It is not difficult to follow God....(Remember, you don't follow Him as a servant, but as a Child....always wanting to do those things that are pleasing in His Sight (**I John 5:3-5 / I John 3:21-24**)).

- Submission is better described as a response instead of a command!
James 4:7 “Submit....and then you have the ability to resist and overcome.” – What is submission? **Hearing and Obeying!** (SIMPLE).
2. **Love (John 13:35 / 1 John 4:7-8)**
- If you want to be different...if you want to be a Christian...learn how to love.
 - This is also why Jesus said, “Love your enemies, do good, and pray for those who work against you.” Why? SO YOU CAN BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH!
3. **Faith (Hebrews 11:6)**
- BELIEVER – What do you believe?
 - Moment of Truth: Most people believe that God exists, but is not **PRESENT** IN THEIR LIVES (BELIEVE THAT HE IS...), and they certainly don’t believe that He rewards them because they think when bad things happen to good people it must be a part of His plan.
 - Have Faith in God...this is not hope....but knowing that you know!
 - We end today’s message with this simple question:
“What do you know?”