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Topic: Sermon on the Mount (Part 10): The Christian and His Salvation

Scripture Text: Matthew 7: 13-29

- 1. The sermon on the mount is preached by Jesus Christ and recorded from Matt 5-7. The Lord Jesus Christ began with salvation from the beatitudes. Then the message continues with what a transformed and born-again life is all about in a believer's attitude to the Word of God, in his relationship to God with regards to his alms, prayer, fasting, and also his attitude to possessions and judgements. The Lord Jesus ended the sermon in Matt 7: 13-29 with salvation again to remind us to make sure our salvation is real and we cannot take it for granted.
- 2. From v.13-14, it is about **Few versus Many**. Right or wrong is not determined by majority. The Bible says many are in the broad way that leads to destruction. Few are in the narrow way and go through the strait gate that leads to life. Only Jesus Christ is the way to Heaven.
- 3. In v.15-20, it is **True versus False** or **Fruitfulness versus Unfruitfulness**. There are many wolves in sheep's clothings which tell us these false believers are in the church. We can know them by their fruits. We can see them through after a season whether they have the fruit of the Spirit or not.
- 4. In v. 21-27, it is **God says versus Man says**. Man can say they prophesize, cast our devils and perform miracles. But God says that He never knows them. The illustration is given of the wise and foolish builder. The wise obeys the Word of God. The foolish does not obey and follows his own ways.