

The Test of True Belief One to One

Goal: Help students see that they are lost

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5

- a) What did Paul tell the people to do? Why?
- b) How do we do that? (If you leave a test and you aren't sure about a couple of questions, how do you check and see if you were right? -you look at the book. We are going to look at a couple of tests the Bible gives to see if we are in the faith)
- c) Who has the right to test or judge your life? -only you. It says test yourself, not others.

Why should we take the test? – **to see where we are in our faith**

Read Matthew 7:15-20

- a) How can you tell the difference between prophets?
- b) What is meant by fruit?
- c) Is it possible to bear bad fruit and be a good tree?

Read Matthew 7:21-23

- a) What distinguishes those who say they believe (the ones who say Lord, Lord) from those who truly believe?
- b) Did those who say "Lord, Lord" think they were getting into Heaven? Is everyone who claims to be a Christian going to Heaven?
- c) What is the parallel for us today?

If a person is a true follower of Christ, will it be evident??

Read 1 John 5:13

Why was 1 John written?

Read 1 John 1:6-7

-How is the true follower described? How is the not-true follower described?

1 John 2:3-5

- How is the true follower described? How is the not-true follower described?

So does this mean you must "earn" your way into heaven? (Ephesians 2:8-9)

So what is the Test? **Does my life reflect that I am a follower of Christ?**

Only you can give yourself the test! So where are you?