

Glorious Alternative 20- A Tale of Two Houses

“the gates of Hell will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

Not all people who are in churches are in Christ.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 7:21a

“but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21b

“Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” Matthew 7:20

The fruit of our obedience is born out in how we live our lives not in the broad claims that we make about our faith.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Matthew 7:22

You cannot “obey” your way into Heaven but you cannot “profess” your way in either.

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Jesus is moved by Holy Spirit led people living remarkably obedient lives where they reject the standards of this world and cling to him for meaning.

‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ Matthew 7:23

2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs. Luke 12:2-3

Well done, good and faithful servant! Matthew 25:21

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” Matthew 7:21-27

Foundations are exposed in the storm and not in the sunshine.

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

to be honored by others. Matthew 6:2

The words of Jesus and our obedience to them are the only foundation that will stand against the storm.