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*<sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.*

**There is only one way that leads to Christ.**

John 14:6

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Acts 4:10-12

*<sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

John 3:16

*<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world,<sup>[1]</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

1 Timothy 2:4

*<sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 Peter 3:9

*<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

Ezekiel 18:23.

*<sup>23</sup> Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?*

Isaiah 30:9-10

*For they are a rebellious people,  
lying children,*

*children unwilling to hear  
the instruction of the Lord;*

*<sup>10</sup> who say to the seers, "Do not see,"*

*and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right;  
speak to us smooth things,  
prophesy illusions,*

**False teachings do not always make us feel uncomfortable.**

Matthew 24:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.*

Jude 1:21-23

*<sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.*

**False prophets are dangerous to God's people, just like wolves are dangerous to sheep.**

**We can taste their fruit by, their character, creed, and converts.**

Luke 3:8-9

*<sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*

**No person is save by good works, but every believer is saved for good works.**

Galatians 5:22-23

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.*

Isaiah 8:20

*<sup>20</sup> To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.*

**False prophets give messages that are full of gaps.**

2 Timothy 4:3

*<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

John 15:6

*<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*

Matthew 23:37-39

*<sup>37</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>38</sup> See, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

**Will we chose life, or lies?**