

## COUNTERFEIT FAITH

There are actually three classes of people as we see them in the world. When each are divided into their own category they are more easily seen.

1. The first class is those whom God elected, they are saved by God's grace through faith and are bound for heaven.
2. The second class are the lost who did not respond to the gospel they are hell bound.
3. There is a third class that stands between these two classes. A class that professes but do not possess a true relationship to God, they have COUNTERFEIT FAITH. They are expressed in the following references. They are not bound for heaven.

### Counterfeit faith – False faith – Semi-faith – Temporal faith.

Everybody is religious by nature and therefore substitute being religious for being a true Christian.

1. The Jews who had the Law, thought that they were right with God but Jesus said this of some of them (John 8:43, 44, 47, ~~37~~<sup>48</sup> 38; Matt. 23:23, 33).
2. A so-called religious or psychological experience is not enough (Acts 17:22).
3. Biblical faith is not a human decision it is a gift of God (Eph. 2:8, 9).
4. 2 Thess. 3:2 all men do not have faith.

It is not up to man to judge the final end of any person as to belonging to God or not. However, it is given to man to judge or discern relationships by the kind of fruit a person produces, so as to determine not to bear false fruit himself (Matt. 7:1, 15-20).

5. Matt. 7:21-23 there are false preachers in religion and Christian workers. Why does Jesus say what He says in these verses? Verse 24, they build on the sand, -- Luke 6:48 says those on the rock dug deep.
6. Matt. 13:5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, four types of soil, four types of hearts.
  - A. **Stony** soil, the devil takes the seeds away.
  - B. **Shallow** soil, tribulation and persecution hinder no depth they soon fall away.
  - C. **Thorns** choke the good seed plus cares of this life and riches (1 John 4:5).
  - D. **Good soil** v.8 the only one that brought forth fruit and that by degrees.
7. Matt. 3:7, 8 true repentance brings forth fruit.
8. Matt. 13:13-17 why does Jesus speak to them in parables? Jesus took this from Isa. 6:9, 10 and Ezek. 12:2. The OT taught the same.

6. Matt. 13:36-43 there will always be tares among the wheat.
7. Matt. 22:14 many are called but few are chosen (Mark 16:15, 16).
8. Matt. 25:5-8 five foolish virgins, they all professed, they all slept but the foolish did not bring oil in their vessels so their lamps went out.  
They lacked what it took to be a part of the Bride.
9. Matt. 25:15, 18, 24-30 the one talent man.  
Of 15 verses 8 applied to him. He was cast into outer darkness.
10. Acts 8:9-24 Simon the sorcerer, a false believer.  
Temporary faith. Temporarily believed, was even baptized.
11. 1 Tim. 1:19, 20 Hymenaeus and Alexander (2 Tim. 4:14). They did not maintain a good conscience, they made shipwreck of the faith. Shallow soil!
12. 2 Tim. 2:16-21 Hymenaeus and Philetus, saying the resurrection is past.
13. Heb. 12:16, 17 Esau, it took more than tears of sorrow in the end. Both OT and NT warn us of his style of living.
14. Rom. 8:5-8; 9:8 living in the flesh is not a true Christian.
15. Rom. 2:28, 29 not all Jews were true Jews, whose praise is of God (Rev. 2:9; 3:9).
16. Rom. 9:6 not all of Israel were Israel. Church is the Israel of God (Gal, 6:15, 16).
17. Rom 9:7, 8 not all professed believers are God's children.
18. 2 Tim. 3:8 Jannes and Jambres opposed the truth by Moses. Depraved mind.  
They were rejected as regarding the faith.
19. 2 Tim. 4:10 Demas has forsaken me, loved the present world (1 John 2:15-17).
20. 1 Tim. 4:1, 2, 16 there is such a thing as deceiving spirits and doctrines of devils.
21. Matt. 7:13, 14 there are two travelers, two roads, two gates, two destinations.
22. Matt. 25:3, 11-46 there are sheep and goats. (John 10:11).
23. Exodus 13:28; Neh. 13:3; Num. 11:4 there is a mixed multitude.
24. 1 John 2:18, 19 antichrists were in the early church and went undetected.
25. 2 Pet. 2:2 there were false prophets among the believers.

26. Matt. 15:13 every plant that My heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up. Isa. 61:3 we are to be trees of righteousness.
27. John 6:44 no man can come to Me unless the Father draws him.
28. Matt. 15:13 every plant the heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up.
29. 1 Pet. 2:2 there was and are false prophets among true believers.
30. Rev. 17:14 who are those who will be with Jesus? (Matt. 24:31).
31. John 6:44 only those drawn by the Father belong to Christ.

Who is the Bible talking about in these verses?  
Is surely is not the elect.