

A Shocking Judgment

Matthew 7:21-23

(series #44)

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B. The basis of judgment is knowing Christ

- 1st John 5:12, Phil. 3:8, John 17:3, 1st John 5:20

C. All other "righteousness" is filthy rags - Isaiah 64:6

Conclusion: Your eternal destiny depends on your relationship with and to the Lord Jesus Christ!