

## To Sum it All Up: Entering the Kingdom

Matthew 7:21-23

### Opening Discussion:

1. Is the sinner's prayer a good thing or a bad thing?
2. Have you known people who "prayed a prayer" but didn't show signs of true repentance?
3. What is the relationship between good deeds and faith?
4. How can we emphasize obedience without teaching salvation by works?
5. How can we know we are truly saved?

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us about false salvation and gave us a \_\_\_\_\_ for recognizing it.

### Explore the Passage

1. Confession without \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders.  
**2 Thessalonians 2:9**

2. Confession that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10**

Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

Good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened...those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience.

**Hebrews 4:2, 6**

The dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.  
**Revelation 20:12**

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. **2 Corinthians 5:10**

Imputed righteousness is that which is given to us the moment we place our faith in Jesus. Acts of righteousness are the good works we live out after we place our faith in Jesus. Both require the grace and power of God at work in our lives.

### Fill in the Blank Answers:

#### Opening Discussion

Jesus warned us about false salvation and gave us a method for recognizing it.

#### Explore the Passage

1. obedience, evidence, dead
2. obedience, evidence, saving