

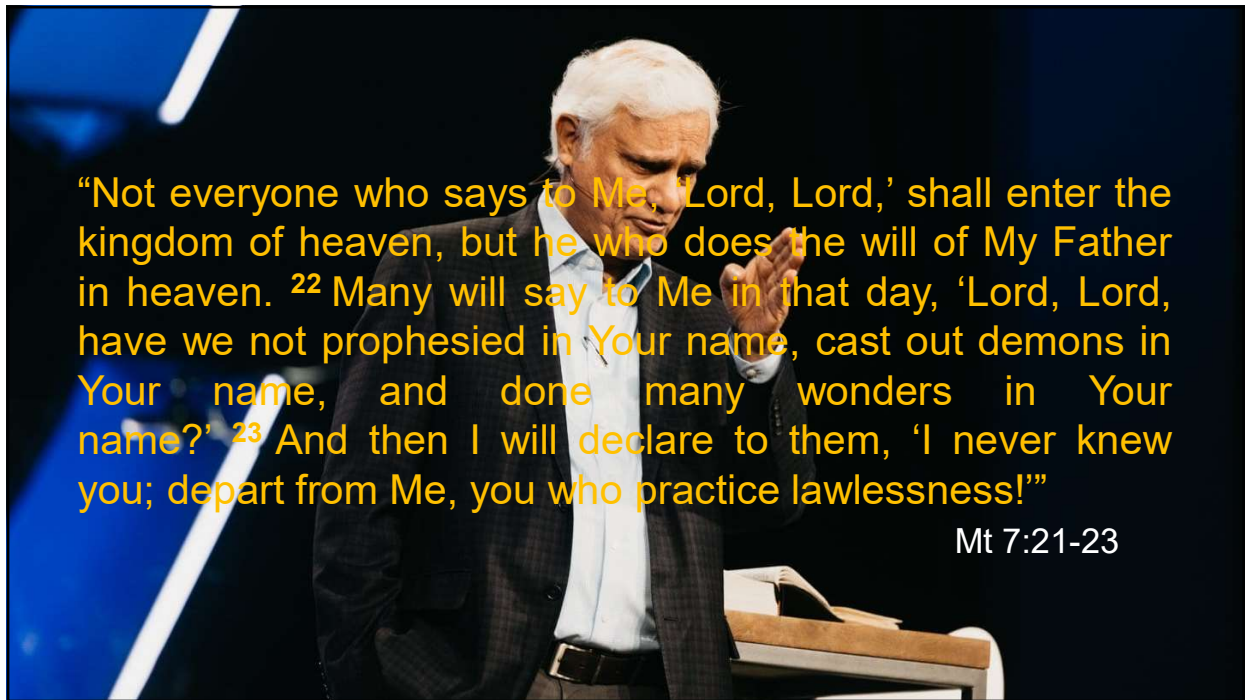


**Pass or fail --
Can your salvation
stand the test?**

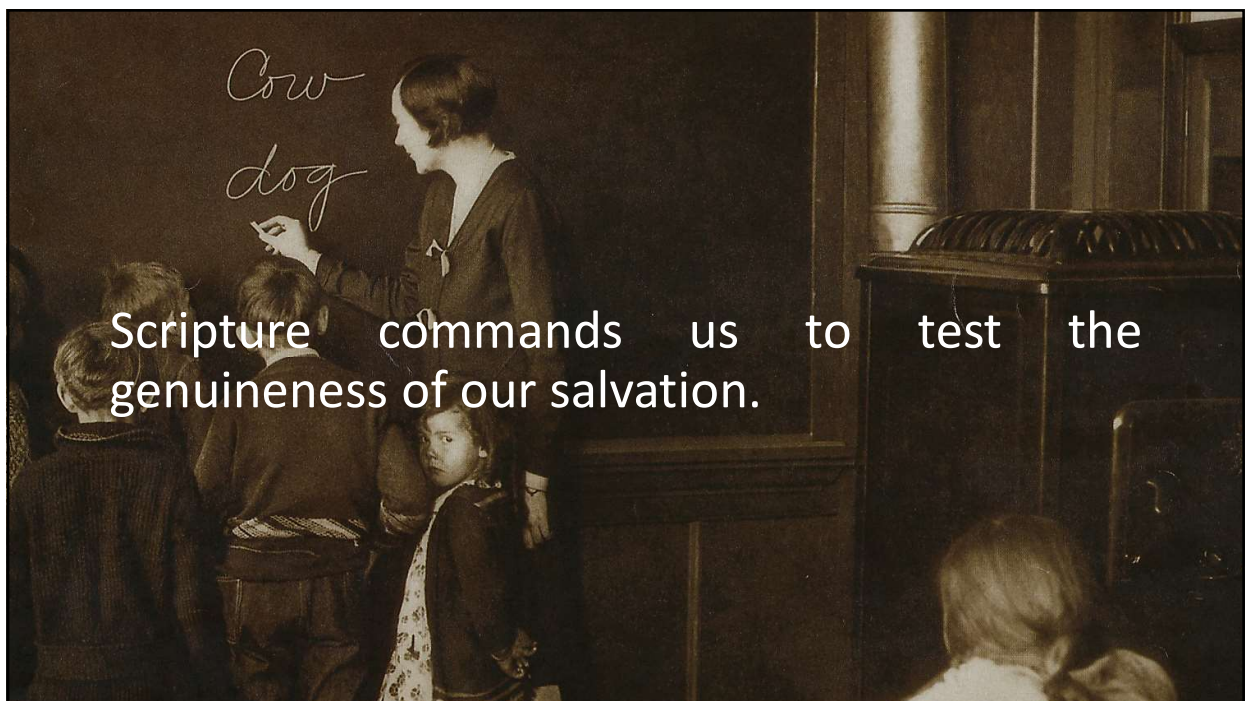
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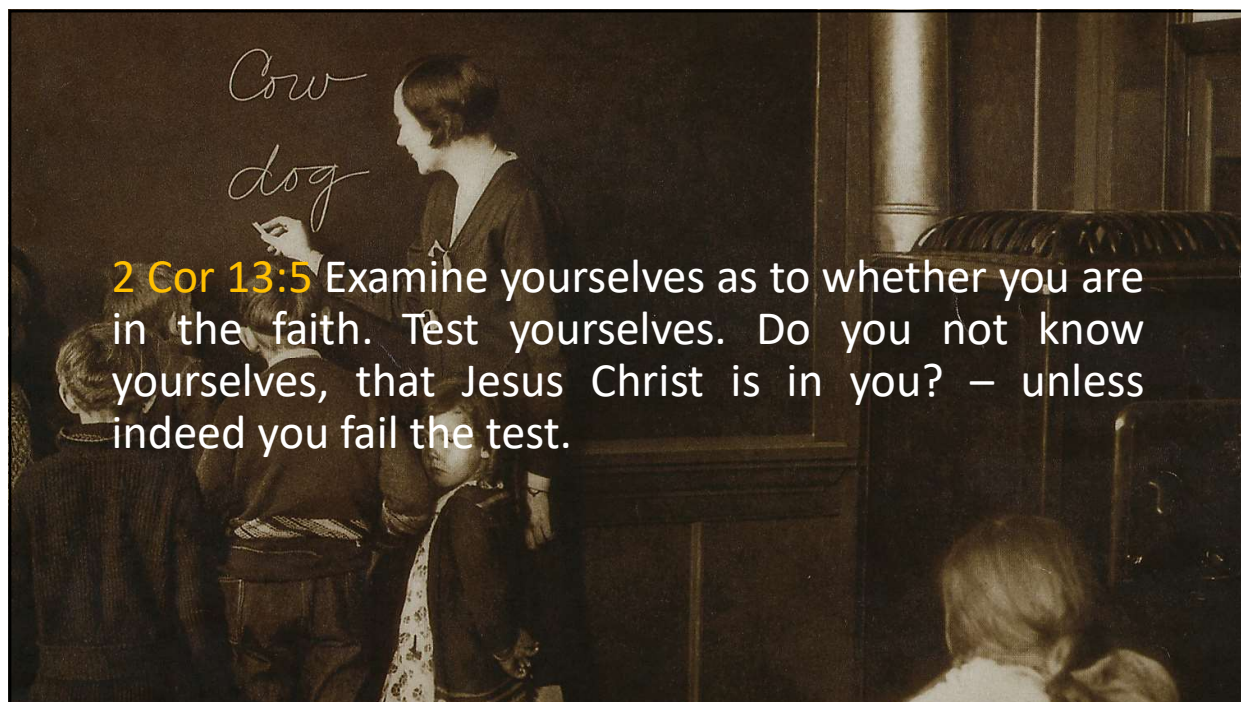
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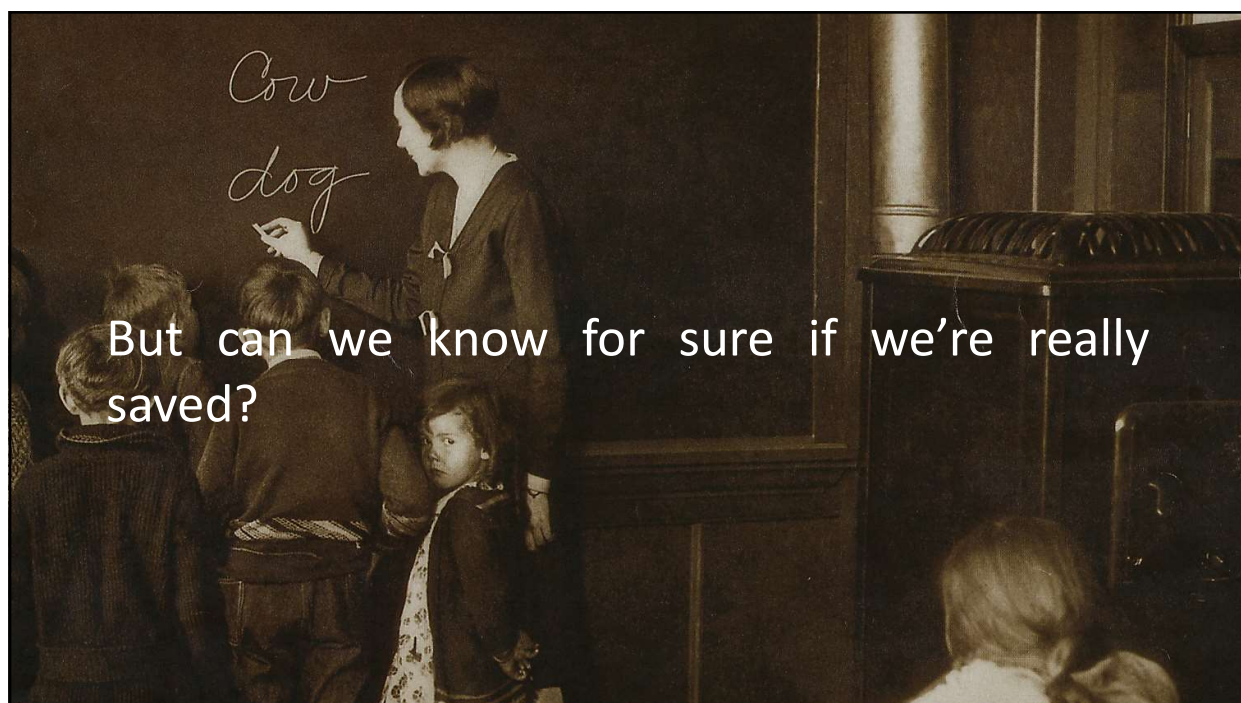


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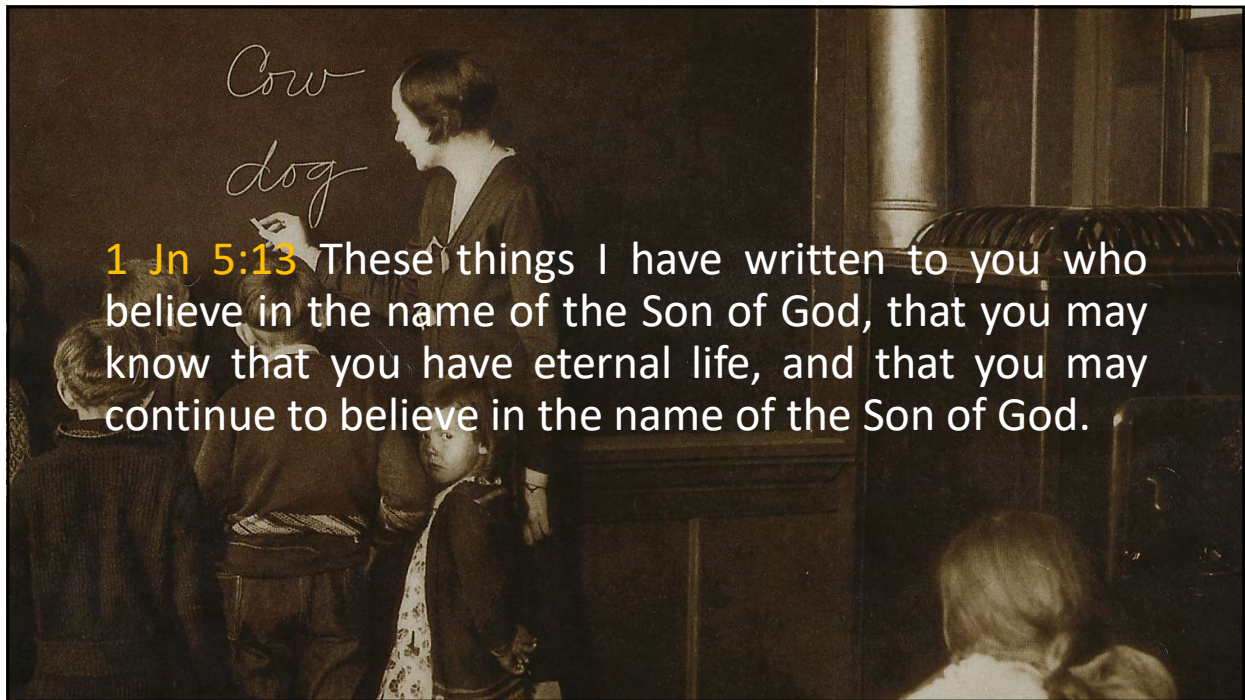
2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you fail the test.

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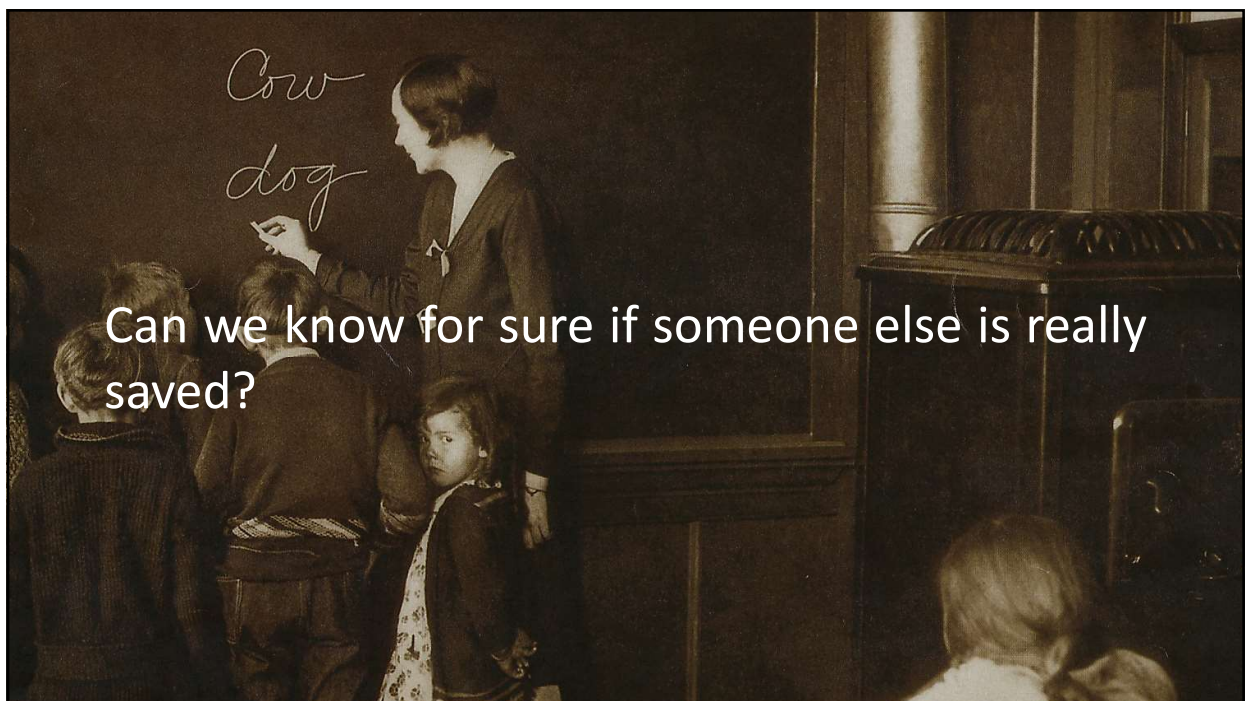
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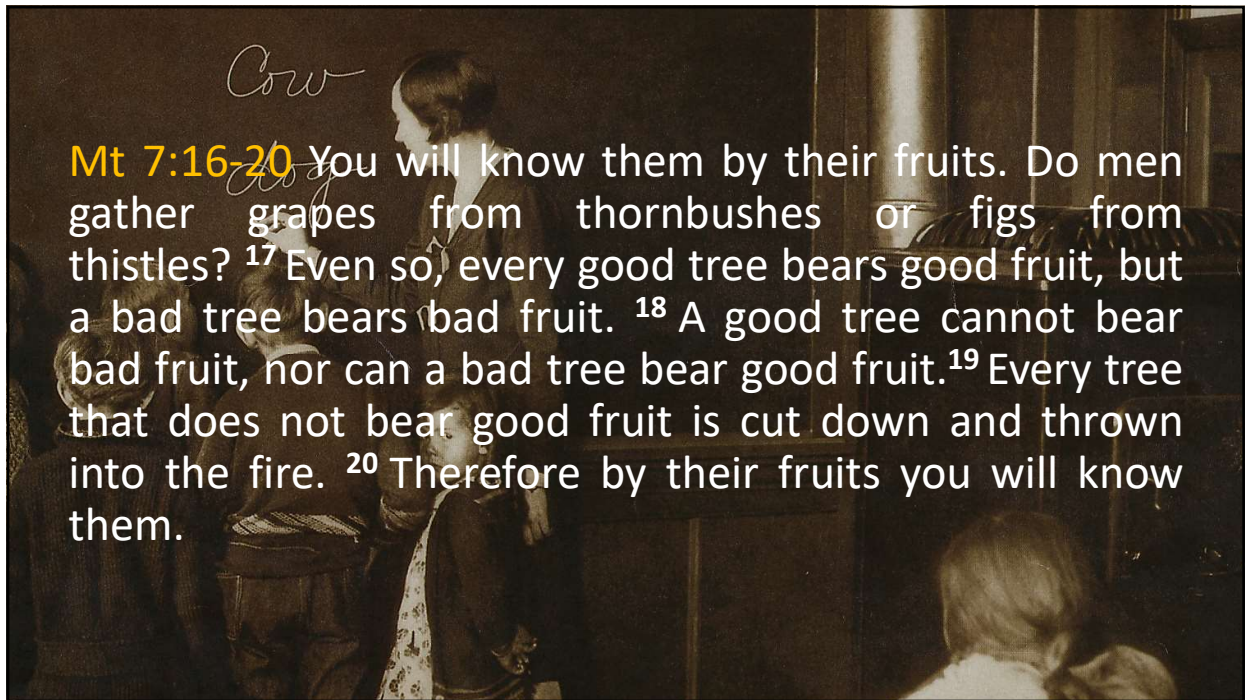
1 Jn 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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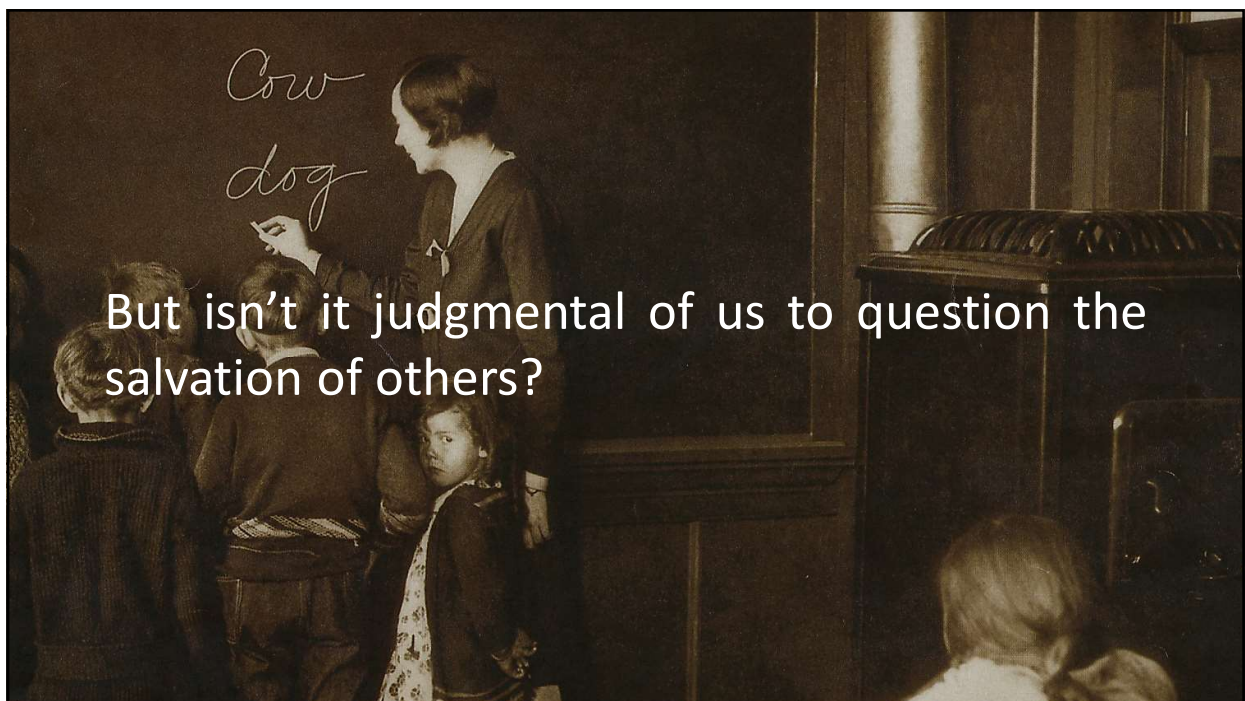
Can we know for sure if someone else is really saved?

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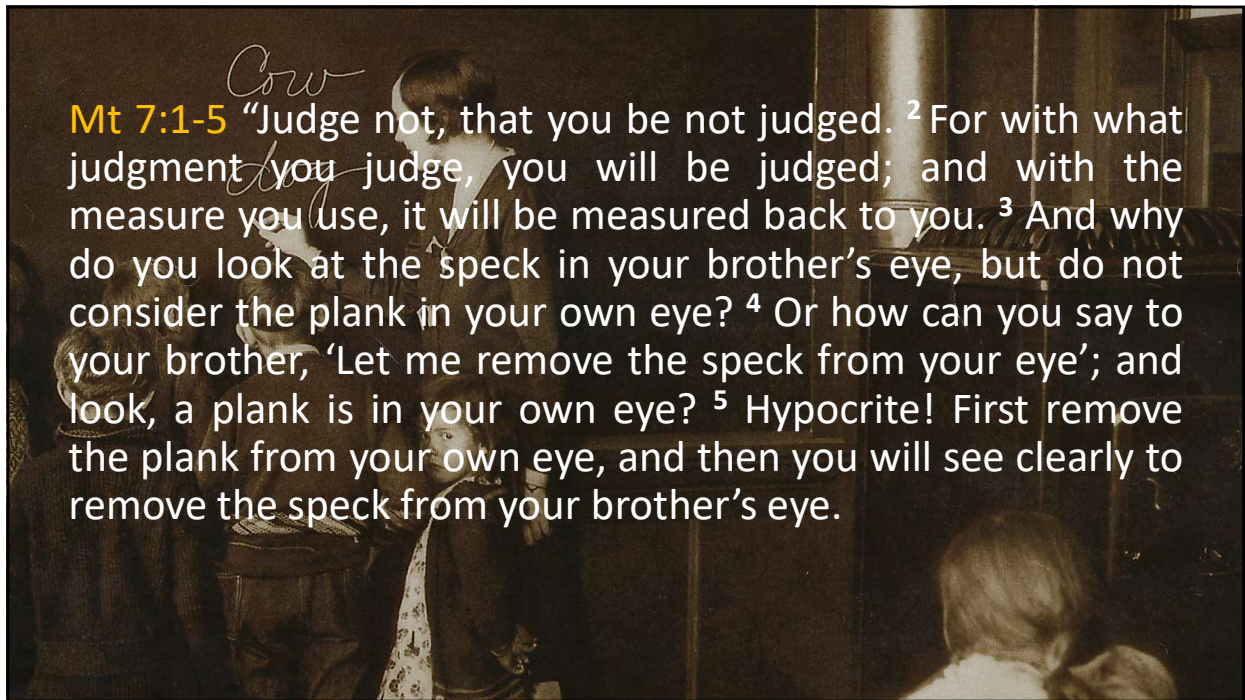
Mt 7:16-20 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

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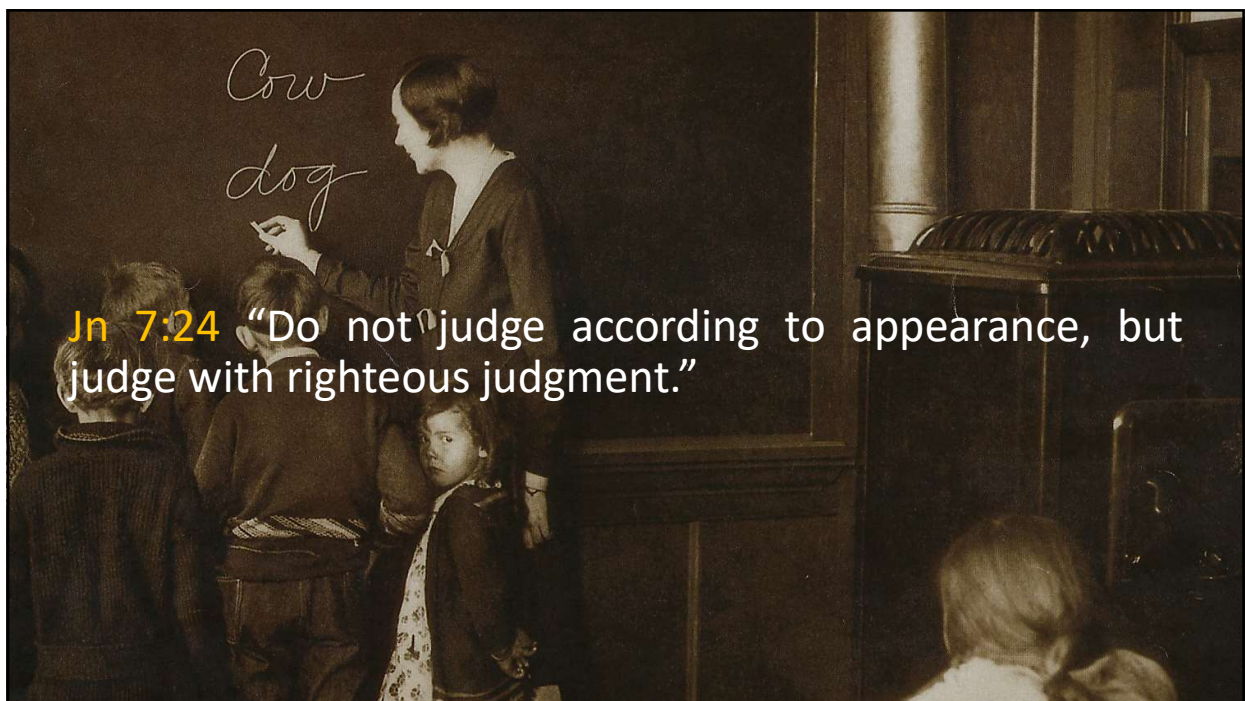
But isn't it judgmental of us to question the salvation of others?

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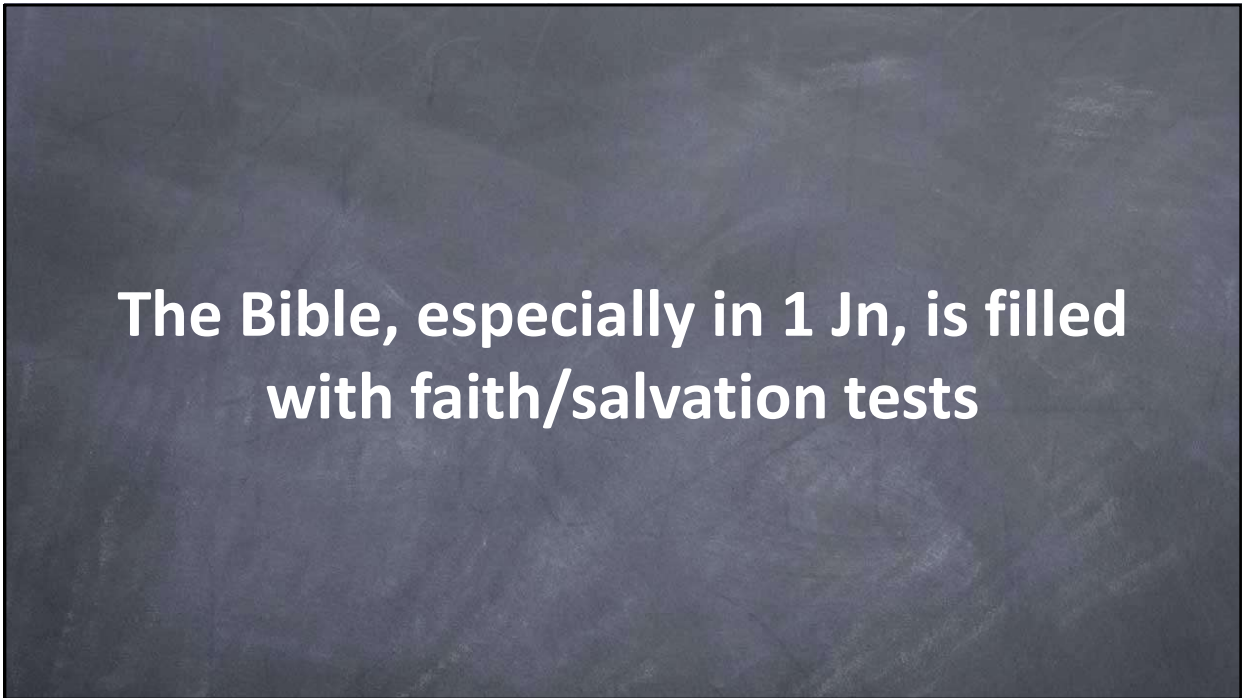
Mt 7:1-5 "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

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Jn 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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**The Bible, especially in 1 Jn, is filled
with faith/salvation tests**

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1. The “fellowship/walking” test:

1 Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

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2. The “downplay sin” test:

1 Jn 1:8,10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ... ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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3. The “obedience” test:

1 Jn 2:4, 5:2-3 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ... ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

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4. The “hate your brother” test:

1 Jn 2:11;4:20 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. ... ²⁰If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

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5. The “love the world” test:

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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6. The “confession that Jesus is the Christ” test:

1 Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

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1 Jn 4:3,15 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. ...
¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

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7. The “sin is a lifestyle” test:

1 Jn 3:8-9 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

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1 Jn 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

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8. The “characterized by love” test:

1 Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

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9. The “active faith” test:

1 Jn 3:17-18 But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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10. The “hearing God” test:

1 Jn 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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Salvation questionnaire:

1. Was there a time in my life when I remember giving my life to Christ?

2. Did this experience have a lasting impact?

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

1 Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

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3. Does the Holy Spirit give me assurance and peace?

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

4. How do I feel about sin? (Do I live as close to the world as I can? Can I sin and get away with it?)

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Js 4:4 Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

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5. Do I love the things of God (Bible, prayer, worship, etc.) and prove it by the priority I give them in my life?

1 Pet 2:2-3 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

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6. Do I love the people of God and prove it by the priority I give them in my life?

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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7. Am I ashamed of Christ when I am around others (especially unbelievers) or do I boldly show and share my faith?

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Lk 9:26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

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Ps 107:3 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

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