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“Where’s the Beef: The Cause and the Cure for Shallow Christianity”
Sunday Evening, September 13th, 2009
1: “What Christianity Is NOT!”
Matthew 7:16-23
Pastor Christian Newsome

Matthew 7:16-23—“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. ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

In order to understand what (1) _____ Christianity is we must understand what “true” Christianity is not!

“Four Things Christianity is NOT”

#1: True Christianity is not merely a (2) _____.

#2: True Christianity is not merely religious or spiritual (3) _____.

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#3: True Christianity is not an (4) _____ conformity to certain standards.

#4: True Christianity is not a (5) _____ decision to receive God’s blessings.

QUESTION: “WHAT DO WE DO IF WE HAVE LIMITED OUR CHRISTIANITY TO THE ABOVE LIST?”

Luke 13:6-9—“He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that [a] you can cut it down.’”

ANSWER: We take more time to focus on (6) _____ spiritual growth.



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Answers: I-true 2-prayer 3-activity 4-outward 5-one-time 6-solid