“Depart from Me”
Matt. 7:21-27

Introduction:
A. “Depart from me” are sad words.
   1. No chance to get right with God now.
   2. No return to the Lord.
   3. No appeal to higher court.
B. “Depart from me” are just words.
   1. Has given means of salvation.
   2. Has given opportunity of salvation. (2 Pet. 3:9)
C. “Depart from me” for two reasons:

Discussion:
I. They Call Him, “Lord”, Without Doing His Will (v. 21)
   A. “Lord, Lord” is not enough. (Lk. 6:46).
      1. “Calling on name of Lord” more than saying “Lord, Lord” (Rom. 10:13; Acts 22:16)
      2. “Calling on name of Lord” accepts all that “Lord” implies (cf. 1 Pet. 3:6).
   B. Faith in Lord is not enough (Matt. 7:24-27).
      1. Faith must act (Mt. 7:24-27).
      2. Faith leads to obedience (Rom. 10:16)
II. They Act in Religion Without His Authority (vv. 22, 23)
   A. Activity alone is not enough (Rom. 10:1-4)
      1. Cannot “do own thing”
      2. Cannot serve “spontaneously”
      3. Cannot follow feeling and call it the Holy Spirit.
   B. Activity based on knowledge of God’s will.
      1. Learn by command or statement – “This do in rememberance..”
      2. Learn by approved example – “Upon the first day of the week..”
      3. Learn by necessary inference – Frequency and unleavened bread.
   C. Activity within law (v. 23 – “iniquity=without law”)
      1. Must truly be in His name, not merely claim to be (cf. 2 John 9; Heb. 7:14)
      2. Under law to Christ in this dispensation (1 Cor. 9:21)
         a. His law of salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38, 41, 47).
         b. His law of worship (Jno. 4:24; Acts 2:42; Col. 3:16).
         c. His law for the church (Eph. 4:12).
         d. His law for living (Tit. 2:11, 12)

Conclusion:
A. What will Jesus say to you? Depart? Come?
B. What are you doing about his will?