WARNINGS AND SATANIC DECEPTIONS IN SALVATION

The Devil has provided many alternatives to the new birth, and multitudes are confused by false professions of salvation. Note the Bible's warnings:

(1) A person can believe in God and not be saved (James 2:19).

> [19] Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. *James 2:19*

(2) A person can pray to Jesus and not be saved (Matthew 7:22-23).

> [22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? [23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. *Matthew 7:22-23*

(3) A person can prophesy in Jesus' name and not be saved (Matthew 7:22-23).

(4) A person can do wonderful works in Jesus' name and not be saved (Matthew 7:22-23).

(5) A person can have a zeal for God and not be saved (Romans 10:2-3).

> [2] For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. [3] For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. *Romans 10:2-3*

(6) A person can have a zeal to make proselytes for God and not be saved (Matthew 23:15).

> [15] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. *Matthew 23:15*

(7) A person can be very interested in Jesus Christ and not be saved (Matthew 19:16-22).

> [16] And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? [17] And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. [18] He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false

witness, [19] Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [20] The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? [21] Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. [22] But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. *Matthew 19:16-22*

(8) A person can profess to know God and not be saved (Titus 1:16).

[16] They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. *Titus 1:16*

(9) A person can follow and serve Christ and not be saved (John 6:64-70).

[64] But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. [65] And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. [66] From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. [67] Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? [68] Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. [69] And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. [70] Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? *John 6:64-70*