

## **WORDS CAN BE CHEAP**

### **John 14:15**

**Introduction:** There are many ideas, concepts and thought up ways people have of how to be accepted into God's Family, however God's Word is extremely clear in revealing just WHO is actually a member of God's Family. (Text). All the professions in the world are nothing but hypocrisy IF there is no evidence of LOVE for Jesus which is proven by one's obedience to His commandments. ONLY when one's life is in harmony with the text can he/she expect any benefit or consideration from being a Christian. Words can be just that - words.

### **I. HOW DOES ONE KNOW HIS/HER LOVE IS THE RIGHT KIND?**

1. The right kind of love does not exhibit certain sentimental attitudes.
2. The right kind of love is not belonging to a certain church group.
3. The right kind of love is not being law-abiding and morally upright.
4. The right kind of love is not a feeling that "all is well" because of the above.  
- Anyone can exhibit these ideas and behaviors and still not even know Jesus at all.
5. There is only ONE way to know if one's love is the right kind of love - IS THERE OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDS OF JESUS?

### **II. A CHRISTIAN HAS JESUS CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS IN HIS/HER HEART**

1. A sincere desire to change one's will and mind to that like Jesus Christ's according to Jesus' Word is a sign of a true "love."
2. A deep thorough study of Jesus' Words, turning them over and over in one's mind, asking the Holy Spirit to explain that which is not clear is a sign of true "love."
3. Accepting conviction and quickly, readily repenting, changing one's behavior however the Words of Jesus reveal, dictate one should do is a sign of true "love."

### **III. A CHRISTIAN KEEPS JESUS' WORDS AS A WAY OF LIFE**

1. The right kind of love for Jesus will cause one to live his/her life as Jesus wants.
2. He/she will have the right priorities in his/her life with Jesus Christ being first.
3. His/her way of life will be consistent, no matter what the circumstances and one can predict his/her reaction to any situation before it happens, for he/she will react like Jesus would.
4. He/she will not be conceited, selfish, quarrelsome, will not be a gossip, unforgiving or vindictive.

5. He/she will be trying to live as much like Jesus as he/she possibly can.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Obedience to Jesus' commandments is the standard Jesus has set to identify those who are saved or not.
2. Professing Jesus Christ and resting one's life on some internal feeling or outward acts of piousness or some past religious act (baptism, membership) while one's life is inconsistent with Jesus' commandments is nothing more than a sham, hypocrisy and that person is not numbered among the family of God.
3. It is sad, but true, that there are those we know whose names appear on our church roles, who make feeble, if any attempts to take part in God's church, who are deceiving themselves and others about their security with the Lord Jesus.
4. Equally sad is the fact that there are many who are called "Christian" who have served in a church, acted the role of a Christian for years, but whose heart does not "love" as Jesus loves. Hate, vengeance, unforgiveness and all other sort of un-Christ-like attitudes. These, too are deceiving themselves about being right with God and His Family.
5. "LOVE AND OBEDIENCE" are inseparable! One cannot love the Lord Jesus Christ and remain disobedient.
6. Words are cheap! Actions prove what one has said to be true or false.