

A False Confidence

(Matthew 7:13-14,21-23)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. of Faith Hill's losing 2006 Female Vocalist of the Year Award.
 2. According to the Bible, many people will be lost who thought they were going to be saved.
 3. Can you imagine the horror of that moment?
 4. Sometimes we have moments when we hope people get "stung," but I would wish this surprise on no one!
 5. Yet, Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23, says this will happen to many people.
 6. Let's examine how one comes to possess a false confidence.

I. We Overly Trust People

- A. (Romans 3:4) Let God be true, but every man a liar.
- B. E.g. Preachers, Parents, Authors, Spouses, Church Authorities, etc.
- C. (1 Kings 13:1-34) But he lied to him.
- D. (1 Timothy 4:1-2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy.
- E. (Galatians 2:11-13).

II. We Overly Trust Our Works

- A. (Ephesians 2:8-9) Not of works lets any man should boast.
- B. (Romans 6:3) Don't forget "raised to walk in newness of life."
- C. Baptism is not an end, but a beginning.
 1. Ills. of Tanguy Pepoit (Tahnjay Pepeoat), Oregon – 2015 Steeple Chase.
- D. How many people have thrown their future away at the end of their lives?

III. We Overly Trust Our Relationship with God

- A. (Romans 3:18) We have lost a fear of God.
- B. Ills. of Narnia: The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe – God is not safe, but he is good.
- C. (2 Chronicles 26:1-23) Uzziah.

IV. We Overly Trust Our Knowledge

- A. (Hosea 4:6) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
- B. (Matthew 25:24) I knew you to be a hard man.
- C. (2 Timothy 2:15) Study or give diligence.
- D. (Hebrews 11:6) A rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

- Conclusion:
1. While we can certainly have confidence in our salvation, this lesson was designed to remind you that we can also have a false confidence that can lead to our ruin.
 2. (Deuteronomy 6:12) Beware lest you forget the Lord...