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**SAVED**  
*real or fake?*  
**RECOGNIZING SAVING FAITH**

**MATTHEW 5:1-12 (NASB)**

The Lord's Supper is sacred in three ways:

1. It's a memory of the Cross.
2. It's a communion with Christ.
3. It's an act of obedience (Luke 22:19).

Two attitudes toward Baptism consistent in our day:

1. Obedience
2. Non-compliance
  - a) It's not a priority.
  - b) They want just family.
  - c) They want it private with no one (Mark 8:38).

**TRUTH:** Baptism speaks to the issue of public identification with Christ.

**INSIGHT:** Negligence regarding the Lord's Supper and/or Baptism could be because there's no real salvation.

**INSIGHT:** The Bible never points to the past to verify salvation.

**I. THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF A SAVED LIFE IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**INSIGHT:** A lot of people claim salvation, but you'll look a long time to find any righteous living.

**TRUTH:** A profession without discernible, habitual obedience as a lifestyle means nothing.

**II. THE STANDARDS BY WHICH TRUE BELIEVERS ARE IDENTIFIED**

1. Poor in spirit, Matthew 5:3

**TRUTH:** The only people who enter heaven are those broken in their spirit over their sin.

2. Mournful in soul, Matthew 5:4

**TRUTH:** The people in heaven are there because they were broken over their sin and mourned because of its attachment to their daily lives.

### **III. PUTTING IT TO A POINT, Matthew 5:14**

**QUESTION:** Is your life clearly distinguishable from the rest of the world?

**TRUTH:** We don't come to Christ on our terms but His!

**TRUTH:** Faith without works is dead!  
Matthew 7:21ff