## **CARDBOARD CHRISTIANITY**

Matthew 7:13-23 Jerry Dudley, Associate Pastor September 20, 2020

Circumstances may have created or possibly have exposed the hearts of many *unbelieving, but acting the role*, Christians.

## 1. Carboard Christians Take the Popular Route (Matthew 7:13-14)

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## 2. Carboard Christians Don't Produce Fruit (Matthew 7:15-20)

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup> Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

## 3. Carboard Christians Have No Eternal Future (Matthew 7:21-23)

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'