HUMANITY DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES

INTRODUCTION:

1. When we study the Bible, we see the human family divided into two classes before God – those who are saved and those who are lost – those that are God’s children and those that are the children of the devil. 1 John 3:10

2. In this lesson, we want to study these two classes as the Bible reveals them to us.

3. And, as we study the lesson, I ask you, “What class are you in?”

I. THERE ARE THOSE FOR THE LORD, AND THOSE AGAINST THE LORD.

1. Jesus said, “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad”… Matt. 12:30

2. Jesus, in this verse, teaches that there is NO MIDDLE GROUND – we are either for the Lord, or against Him.

3. One might say, “I am not against the Lord, but I am not a Christian.”

   (1) Jesus’ answer to you is, “You are against Him, by not being for Him and doing His will.”

II. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE FRIENDS OF THE LORD AND THOSE WHO ARE ENEMIES OF THE LORD.

1. The friends of the Lord do whatsoever He commands them to do. John 15:14

2. The friends of the Lord love the Lord, and prove it by keeping His commandments. John 14:15

3. Paul said that all those who do not walk “by the same rule” and follow his example as he walked by that rule “are the enemies of the cross of Christ”. Phil. 3:16 – 19; I Cor. 11:1

4. To transgress and to abide not in the doctrine of Christ is to be an enemy of God. II John 9 – 11

5. Where do you find yourself? As a friend, or an enemy of God?

III. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE SERVANTS OF SIN, AND THOSE WHO ARE SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
1. Jesus said, “Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin”…John 8:34

2. Paul said, “His servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness”… Rom. 6: 16 – 17; 6:12

3. The servant of righteousness is one who has obeyed “That form of doctrine”, and has been forgiven of his past sins. He “walks in the light, as He is in the light”… Rom. 6:17; I John 1: 7 – 9

4. Whose servant are you?

IV. THOSE IN THE NARROW WAY AND THOSE IN THE BROAD WAY

1. Matt. 7: 13 – 14

2. Most of the human family is traveling the broad way – it is the way to destruction. Matt. 7:13

3. The narrow way is the way of holiness. Is. 35:8

4. The narrow way leads to life. Matt. 7:14

V. THERE ARE THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH

1. Matt. 7: 24 – 27

2. The wise hear Christ and do His will. Matt. 7: 24 – 25; James 1: 25

3. The foolish hears, but does not do His will. Matt. 7: 26 – 27; James 1:22

VI. THERE ARE THOSE IN THE CHURCH AND THOSE IN THE WORLD.

1. The word “church” means: called out.

2. The church has been called out of the world by the gospel. II Thess. 2:13 – 14

3. All not in the church are in the world.

4. The church is not to be of the world. John 15:19; John 17: 14 – 16; I John 2: 15 – 17

5. The saved are added to the church. Acts 2: 47

VII. THERE ARE THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS.

1. Matt. 25: 31 – 33
2. In the Judgment the human family will be divided from one another.

   (1) The goats on the left – the lost – will go away into everlasting punishment – HELL. Matt. 25: 46

   (2) The sheep on the right – the saved – will go to Heaven “into life eternal”. Matt. 25: 46; 25:34