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In thinking about our Christian profession, we might create the term "CINO" [kī -nō] meaning **Christian In Name Only**. There are many who label themselves as Christians, yet there is a great difference between a true, genuine believer in Christ and one who is a Christian in name only. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let everyone one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2:19).

There are many today who name the name of Christ and identify as Christians. It's one thing to **profess** Christ; it's another thing to **possess** Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life" (1 John 5:12). Those people who have the Son are those who, by faith, have personally received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour (John 1:12).

The Lord knows those who truly belong to Him. He also knows those who are fake and those who are pretenders, such as Judas the traitor. Judas fooled the other disciples. When Jesus said, "One of you will betray me," they did not say, "Lord, it must be that scoundrel Judas!" No, they each said, "Lord, is it I?" (Matt. 26:21-22). Some people profess that they know God, but by their works they deny Him (Tit. 1:16). A so-called Christian without Christ is just as lost as any other unsaved person.

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