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How can one know whether a person is really saved unless he says so? Before a person ever confesses Christ with his mouth he has already believed on Christ in his heart. **Faith is to be expressed outwardly and publicly.** Believing is the root; confession is the fruit. Everyone who truly believes should confess Christ; however not everyone who confesses or professes Christ is a true believer (Matthew 7:23; Titus 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:19). Merely claiming to be a Christian does not make a person saved.

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