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Imagine being one to whom Christ says, “Depart!” Many, thinking they're saved, shall experience this horror, forever. According to this passage, only those Christ knows are saved from His wrath.

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