

Sheep In Wolves' Clothing

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We've all heard of and been warned about "wolves in sheep's clothing" (**Matthew 7:15**), but do we recognize the absurdity of sheep in wolves' clothing? When Jesus told His disciples, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves" (**Matthew 10:16**), He never intended that His sheep imitate wolves.

Borrowing Jesus' illustration, suppose a sheep, in order to survive, dressed up as a wolf (thinking wolves would leave him alone). To truly convince the wolves, he would have to occasionally kill a lamb. The shepherd, judging from the actions of the "acting" sheep, would kill him. **The moral: Sheep better act like sheep and Christians better act like Christ.**

One is not truly a Christian simply because he believed and was baptized. Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." (**Matthew 7:16-20**).

Jesus has called us to be **different** from the world and to appear **different** from the worldly.

Are we *acting* like sheep, following the lead of our loving Shepherd, or do our actions disguise as as wolves?

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