

A thick, light-colored rope is tied in a reef knot (square knot). The rope is made of multiple strands and has a textured, fibrous appearance. The knot is centered in the image. Overlaid on the knot is the text "NOT!" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**“NOT!”**

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- Deut. 4:2 - “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”
- Prov. 30:5-6 - “Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.”

# “NOT!”

- Rev. 22:18-19 - “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”
- Matt. 24:35 - “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

# By Works A Man Is Justified, Not By Faith Alone

- James 2:20-26 - “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

# By Works A Man Is Justified, Not By Faith Alone

- Man is justified by faith
  - Rom. 5:1 - “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”
- Man lives by faith
  - 2Cor. 5:7 - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- Man is saved by faith
  - Acts 16:31 - “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”
- But not by faith alone

# **Not Everyone Who Calls Jesus “Lord” Will Be Saved**

- Matt. 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

# Not Everyone Who Calls Jesus “Lord” Will Be Saved

- One must be more than moral
  - Matt. 5:20 - “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”
- One must be more than religious
  - James 1:26-27 - “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

# **Not Everyone Who Calls Jesus “Lord” Will Be Saved**

- One must be obedient
  - Heb. 5:9 - “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”
  - Luke 6:46 - “But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?”



# Buy The Truth And Sell It Not

- Prov. 23:23 - “Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”
- The truth is absolute, more certain than any person, place, material thing; it is not subject to anything in this world; it is from God

# Buy The Truth And Sell It Not

- John 8:32 - “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
- James 1:25 - “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”
- John 13:17 - “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”
- John 17:17 - “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

# Be Not Conformed To This World

- Rom. 12:2 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
- James 4:4 - “...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

# Be Not Conformed To This World

- 1Peter 4:2-4 - "...that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you."
- Different from the world does not mean distant from the world; it means changed and unlike; new creatures of the spirit, not new creatures of flesh

# Not Forsaking The Assembling

- Heb. 10:22-25 - “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”
- Worship is emphasized because of its vital importance to Christian survival

# I Know You Not

- Matt. 25:12 - “But he answered and said, Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.”
- Someday we will all stand before the judgment seat of God and give an answer for how we treated the least of God’s words, including the “nots.”
- Are we living by them, or trying to untie them?