

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## You Asked For It, Pt. 7

### **Dragnet** – Not Just the Facts

**Matthew 13:47-50**, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

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We continue to pray, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” **Matthew 6:9-10**

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“**Again**, the kingdom of heaven is like”

- Lord, we add more understanding of what You invite us to ask for

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a **dragnet**”(NKJV)

- This word is used only once in the NT as a **fishing net**
- It infers a meaning of **permanence**, like furniture
- **His net**, not ours

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Some nets are designed to catch certain fish (size of spacing)

- This net was for **catching everything**, even dragging bottom  
(Larger & heavier, sinks to the bottom)

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“**Cast** into the sea” (more forcefully)

- Not unlike seed scattered to four soils (**13:3-9**)
- Why are some churches more of a single social type?
- That’s who they fish for & the seeds they plant

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“Gathered some of every kind”

- Not focus group targeting (**any fish, any soil**)
- **James 2:1-9**, Without partiality

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**Vs. 37**, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

- Jesus farms & fishes all environments, for every type
- **John 20:21**, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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**Vs. 38**, “The field is the world”

- All types & all environments in the world

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“Gathered the good into vessels”

- Embraced as members of the family
- **PCF Connect**, not just in attendance
- Not unlike the wheat and the tares

What about those who don't receive Christ?

- **"At the end of the age...** the angels will separate the wicked from among the just
- The same as with the weeds. It's not our job
- Stepping in front of God in our will & timing doesn't go well
- Just ask Moses. 40 years in the wilderness?  
No thanks

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**Matthew 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**. (6:10) 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?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (22:37-40)

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How often do we actually pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. **Our will** be done on earth, **not** as it is in heaven?"

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**Matthew 12:48-50**, But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever **does the will of My Father in heaven** (6:10) is My brother and sister and mother."

\*(**Matthew 13:24-52**)

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"And cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

- Just like with the weeds
- Regardless of what that means...
- **Who would choose that?**

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**Matthew 6:9-10**, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done **on earth as it is in heaven**."