

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Tearing Up: Another Look at Tares Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

What are some characteristics for your ideal world?

I. What are the wheat seeds?

- A. They are known by the angels*
 - a) There isn't confusion as to who is a wheat and who is a tare*
 - b) There is intention to keep the two growing together*
- B. They are what is wanted and intended*
 - a) The crop was planned for (Eph 1:3-6)*
 - b) The crop has a purpose*
- C. Sons of the kingdom*
 - a) They do what the King commands (Matt 22:37-40)*
 - b) But the kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36-38)*

We fight for truth, not land or control.

II. What are these tares?

- A. They are sons of the wicked one*
 - a) The diabolos false accuser, slanderer, against truth*
 - b) Deceived by the adversary (John 8:42-47)*
- B. They are not wanted or intended*
 - a) They do things to service themselves*
 - b) They take what is intended for the wheat*
 - c) They are past feeling/caring (Eph 4:14-24)*

We must decide our influence.

III. What are you?

- A. In the world (Rom 12:1-2)*
 - a) Both seeds are agents of influence in the world*
 - b) Resisting the tares strengthens you (James 1:2-3)*
 - c) We are supposed to be in this world (John 17:9-19)*
 - i. Jesus' prayer is for our strength, not for an earthly kingdom*
 - ii. He's not praying for the world to be better (Mark 13:5-13)*

- B. *Are you tearing or tearing?*
 - a) *We tear everything down just to rebuild it in our image (Matt 23:15)*
 - i. *The pharisees wanted an earthly kingdom*
 - ii. *They should consider weightier matters (Matt 23:23)*
 - b) *Jesus is the consolation of His people (Matt 23:37-39, Luke 2:25-35)*
 - i. *He understands the state we are in and weeps (John 11:32-38)*
 - ii. *Death and loss wasn't part of the plan for us*
 - iii. *We did this to ourselves (Is 53:1-6)*
- C. *Embrace your true liberty (Gal 5:13-15)*
 - a) *Because we have a choice we need to be intentional*
 - b) *We can chose to serve in love or to bite and devour*
- D. *We don't need to know who's a tare and who's a wheat (Rom 10:13-17)*
 - a) *Our calling is to show people Who Jesus is*
 - b) *We aren't to separate from others*

For Discussion:

Share some opportunities that you have in your sphere of influence.

What helps you grow strong in your faith?

What stunts your growing in faith?

How has God comforted you recently?

What are you looking forward to in the new Heaven and new Earth?