

Counterfeit

Sunday, April 8, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

Part 1 – The Weeds in the Wheat!

Matthew 13:24-30 (NKJV)

²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

1. The Wheat and Tares are Sown in the Same Field.

²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

2. The Wheat and Tares Look Similar until Revealed.

²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

3. The Wheat and Tares Survive Together.

²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. . . .

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, . . .

4. The Wheat and Tares are Separated Forever.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ "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!'

Eternity is Too Long to be Wrong!