

**Truths That Should Move Us to Action**  
*From the Parable of the Tares and Wheat*  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Introduction:**

● Look-a-likes

1. Human world - T\_\_\_\_\_ look alike
2. Plant world – N\_\_\_\_\_ berries may look like blueberries
3. Jesus's culture – during the immature state, t\_\_\_\_\_ look exactly like wheat.

● The parable of the tares and wheat is interpreted in vv 36-43

1. The farmer = J\_\_\_\_\_ (the Son of Man)
2. The field = the w\_\_\_\_\_
3. The good seed = the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom (i.e. believers)
4. The bad seed = the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the evil one (i.e. unbelievers)
5. The enemy = the d\_\_\_\_\_
6. The harvest = the time when all unbelievers will be gathered for final j\_\_\_\_\_.
7. The harvesters = the a\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

● Jesus prefaced this parable by saying that the kingdom of God is comparable to this story.

1. Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was near and so people should repent and believe in the g\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The subject of the gospel is J\_\_\_\_\_ and His saving work.
3. Therefore, the kingdom of God has to do with God's saving activity of bringing people into a relationship with Him through Jesus.

**God's Truth: Jesus de\_\_\_\_\_ to sow eternal life**

**Our Response: L\_\_\_\_\_ Him**

● The picture given by the Bible

1. The world is c\_\_\_\_\_ by its own sin (Rom 3:23; 6:23a)
2. Jesus came not to condemn but to s\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 3:17)
3. God sent Jesus to reveal His love for s\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 2:4; Rom 5:8; Titus 3:4,5)

● Jesus reveals the above truths in this parable

1. He came to s\_\_\_\_\_ good seed into this world
2. He came to p\_\_\_\_\_ believers in this world

● Our response – I Jn 4:19

**God's Truth: God de\_\_\_\_\_ judgment to save more people**

**Our Response: J\_\_\_\_\_ Him**

- God is pictured as a j\_\_\_\_\_, not a condemner
  - a. A condemner issues \_\_\_\_\_ verdict (guilty)
  - b. A judge issues a just verdict which could be guilty or innocent, and then e\_\_\_\_\_ the verdict.
  - c. One day God will have to enforce the eternal penalty upon the sin of all unbelievers.
- The parable reveals that the time of judgment will be d\_\_\_\_\_
  1. This is so that God can s\_\_\_\_\_ more people (2 Pet 3:15)
  2. He must save people from e\_\_\_\_\_ tribe, tongue, nation, and class (Rev 5:9,10).
- Our response – we must j\_\_\_\_\_ Him in His work
  1. By s\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel with all who will listen
  2. By p\_\_\_\_\_ (for the lost, missionaries, the gospel's advancement)
  3. By cooperating with the body of Christ in s\_\_\_\_\_ mission work.
    - a. Globally – g\_\_\_\_\_ to missions
    - b. Locally (e.g. – Vacation Bible School)

**God's Truth: God de\_\_\_\_\_ justice to be served upon all sin**

**Our Response: T\_\_\_\_\_ Him**

- The awful part of the parable – the fiery furnace
  1. This is equivalent to the Lake of Fire in Rev 20:10 which is e\_\_\_\_\_ punishment of suffering (*weeping and gnashing of teeth*).
  2. This was written
    - a. Not to s\_\_\_\_\_ unbelievers into becoming believers (Jesus explained the parable only to believers – Matt 13:11)
    - b. To r\_\_\_\_\_ to believers what they have been saved from.
- How is justice served upon the sin of believers? (Rom 3:25)
  1. God displayed Jesus publicly (He was hung on a c\_\_\_\_\_)
  2. Jesus became the propitiation or atoning sacrifice – the Greek word means the payment made to satisfy someone's w\_\_\_\_\_ (1Pet 3:18 – this was a one-time sacrifice for all sin of all believers for all time)

3. In His blood through f\_\_\_\_\_ - The payment is applied to one's record book the moment that person accepts Christ.
  4. There are only two ways for justice to be served upon sin
    - a. In the Lake of Fire – the sinner pays for it eternally.
    - b. In J\_\_\_\_\_ – the believers' sins are fully paid for.
- Our response – Do you realize what you have been saved from? It should cause you to t\_\_\_\_\_ Him. Are you?

**Conclusion:**

Today, I thanked Jesus for loving me and told Him that I would love Him for the rest of my life. I told Him that I would commit to living His way from now on.

The following are the actions I am doing:

- I am praying for at least one lost person whom I know well
- I am looking for opportunities to share Christ
- I am grabbing opportunities to share Christ
- I am supporting mission work by giving
- I am supporting mission work by volunteering (e.g. VBS, short-term missions, outreach events)