

Are you Dead or Alive?

Are you dead or alive? Are you dead to God or alive to Him?

“And the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.” (Mt 13:39-40)

Tares – what or who are the tares of Mt 13:39-40? Today the Christian churches are tare-fields. A tare is a person planted by Satan in the first church (Mt 13:24-30). These plantings turned the whole church into a tare field. The wheat were choked out and died off and only the tares were left (Mt 13:30,39-40; Rev 17:16-18; 18:8,19; Mt 13:41-42). The foolish virgins are not tares (Mt 13:39-49), but undeveloped wheat due to their own foolishness. They are so foolish they do not even go to the Throne of Grace (Heb 4:16; Rev 3:4). They limited the ability of their Father to do them good.

Christianity is the Tare Field

By Satan's planting, the Billy Grahams who make the tare field (2 Cor 11:13-15) are the sowers of Mt 13:39. So the gates of hell overcame the first church (Mt 16:18). Mt 13:38-40 – They will be burned in the fire. They all die in the fire (Rev 17:16-17). It is a literal fire. They burn up and go into death. Maybe the second death, the Lake of Fire, directly (because the gospel will have been proclaimed as a witness in their lifetime “to the ends of the earth” – Isa 49:6), while Mt 13:41-42 is not a literal fire but it is a death, a second death, lasting for an age (Dan 12:2). Mt 13:40, however, is a fire which takes their lives and sends them into death for the nations, the first death. In their particular case, the first death may be bypassed and they all will go to the second death, which is eternal (Rev 20:15; 21:8 and Rev 19:20).

Mt 13:31-32 is the *first* and the *last* Edah (Mt 13:37; Jn 13:20; 7:18). The last Edah will also face Mt 13:39 and 2 Cor 11:15.

Those who are summoned at the end of this age by the beast and ten kings (Rev 17:16-18) will have already rejected the gospel of the kingdom (Mt 24:14), and will go on to the second death when they are killed in the fire. Jn 3:18-19 – Since they will have been judged already they go directly to the Lake of Fire as the beast and false prophet do (Rev 19:20), where Satan, who planted them will go after the 1,000 years are up (Rev 20:1-3,7-10; 19:20). This 1,000 years is the second death for the foolish virgins, while the 1,000 years' reign is for those who were found worthy (Rev 3:4; 2 Cor 5:10). The reason why Mt 13:41 calls them “those who offend” (they are not encouraging their brothers as Heb 3:13 commands us to do) is because they were lawless people. This simply means they were not led by the Spirit. They are those whom our Father did not honor (Jn 12:26; 1 Cor 11:19).

The Wheat and the Tares

It seems like Mt 24:9-12 are the tares and Mt 24:13 are the wheat in our own communities, and the ones who are ousted at the very end are the tares, not the foolish virgins. Mt 13:4,47-50 – One can ascertain they are the tares from our Master's words (Mt 13:30,40).

There are as many foolish virgins as wise virgins (Mt 25:1-13), and maybe about as many tares in the communities as both wise and foolish virgins (Mt 13:48-49). They grew together until the harvest (Mt 13:30,39-40). There the wicked “will be separated” (verse 49) from the justified. Mt 13:51 and Dan 12:10 – The natural man can't understand the things of the spirit (1 Cor 2:14). So ask the question today that our Master did, “Have you understood all these things?” (Mt 13:51).

Mt 13:40 is Rev 17:16-18 and Rev 18:8-19.

Tares are undesirable weeds. The word is #2215, meaning darnel or false grain. However, they are indistinguishable from wheat until the grain appears at harvest. Mt 13:25,39-40 – Darnel, tares, are a poisonous weed as a wolf with sheep's clothing is

among the sheep. Beware! Mt 7:15 and Acts 20:28-30 – Their main appearance is that outwardly they are very brainy.

Mt 13:30 – “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them.” This will be done in different localities, in larger metropolitan cities and arenas such as Atlanta Dome, etc. But the wheat will be gathered into His barn.

Denominationalism will culminate (be gathered) in the great ecumenical gatherings to be burned in fulfillment of Rev 17:17. Maybe for one year or for several years before Rev 17:16-17, Easter meetings will be great assemblies of all who claim to be Christian. This will be just as Jehu gathered the worshipers of Baal into a great assembly hall and they perished by the sword (2 Kng 10:18-20). They will be gathered together again (Mt 13:30; 2 Kng 10:18).