



*"Too many church members have been starched and ironed, but they've never been washed." – Vance Havner*

There are 7 elements in this parable:

- 1) The Sower is Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:37).
- 2) The Seed are true believers (Matthew 13:38).

*Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

- 3) The Field is the world (Matthew 13:38).
- 4) The Enemy is Satan (Matthew 13:39).
- 5) The Tares are the children of the Devil (Matthew 13:38).

*John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

- 6) The Reapers are the angels (Matthew 13:39).
- 7) The Time of the Reaping is the end of the ages (Matthew 13:40).

### **I. THE SOWING OF THE TARES (MATTHEW 13:39)**

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The word "enemy" is from the Greek word *echthros* (εχθρος, ech-thros') which means hateful or envious.

- A. A FALSE JESUS (II CORINTHIANS 11:4)**
- B. FALSE SPIRITS (II CORINTHIANS 11:4)**

*I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."*

- C. FALSE MINISTERS (II CORINTHIANS 11:13-15)**
- D. FALSE BRETHREN (II CORINTHIANS 11:26)**

### **E. A FALSE GOSPEL (II CORINTHIANS 11:4)**

*Galatians 1:6-7, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."*

*Galatians 1:8-9, "8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."*

*Matthew 7:21-23, "21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

*I Corinthians 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."*

### **II. THE GROWING OF THE TARES (MATTHEW 13:28-30)**

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### **III. THE KNOWING OF THE TARES (MATTHEW 13:40-43)**

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*Revelation 14:14-15, "14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*

**PRINCIPLE 1: Make Certain of Your Salvation**

*II Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"*

**PRINCIPLE 2: Don't Let a Counterfeit Christian Keep You Out of Heaven**

**PRINCIPLE 3: If You Are a Tare, Repent and Become a Wheat**

*John 3:17, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*