

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1009: Has the Gospel Been Corrupted (Part II)

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1. Explain the symbolism and meaning of the Parable of the Wheat and Tares. Who do the “good wheat,” the “bad tares,” and the “enemy” represent? When are the wheat and the tares separated? What is the reason for God’s permission of the corruption of Christianity? (See Matthew 13:24-30,39)
2. In the Parable of the Mustard Seed, what does the seed represent? What do birds usually depict in Scripture? How does this parable trace the history of the Christian church? (See Matthew 13:31-32, Luke 17:5-6, Luke 8:4-5, Matthew 13:18-19)
3. How does Jesus describe the life of a true follower? What is wrong with the tolerance of all behavior often preached in churches today? How does the Parable of the Mustard Seed illustrate what has happened to Christianity today? (See Matthew 17:13-16)
4. In the early Christian church in Rome, how did the people reconcile the old Pagan symbols with the new Christian religion? How does the Parable of the Flour and Leaven demonstrate this? What is the message of this parable? (See Matthew 13:33)
5. What are three warnings Jesus was trying to convey with these three parables? What group was Jesus addressing with these warnings?
6. To what period of time does the Parable of the Wheat and Tares refer? What is the “furnace of fire?” What two time periods in God’s plan are referred to in these scriptures? (See Matthew 13:39-43, Malachi 4:1)
7. What does the Bible say will happen to the false systems of Christianity? What should a true Christian do if he/she finds him/herself participating in these systems? (See Revelation 18:1-5)
8. How does Hebrews 7:26-27 explain Jesus’ sacrifice? Who is covered under his sacrifice? How many times does Jesus need to be sacrificed to redeem the world of mankind? What are Jesus’ instructions on memorializing his sacrifice?
9. Why did the Jewish nation need priests as mediators between them and God? Why don’t Christians need mediators between them and God? What does this say about the clergy/laity organization of many churches today? (See Hebrews 10:11-14, Revelation 1:6)
10. What is the biblical instruction regarding the organization of church leadership and the use of a church building? (See Acts 5:42, Romans 16:5, Titus 1:5) What is the biblical directive on studying the Scriptures and finding their true message? (See 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21, Luke 8:10, 2 Timothy 2:15)