

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES AND THE WHEAT (Part 6 of 6)

For the past eight years I have been issuing warnings about the developments taking place within the body of Christ at the end of the Church Age. But with the posting of the previous five segments in this study, those red alerts will no longer be sounded. There will be no additional admonitions to Evangelical Christians about the spiritually dangerous times in which we live. If you haven't taken heed to them by now, it is likely you never will. AND THAT IS ON YOU! And you will have to give an account to the Lord one day (as will I), for what you believed and how you behaved as a follower of Jesus Christ. But for now, I am finally done with you, D-O-N-E done; as in the Matthew 10:14 kind of done. Done, in regard to your obsession with "Christian Political Activism" and "Theocratic Nation Building," as you stubbornly continue to participate within this cult-like, radicalized and apostate movement, that has come to be known as "Christian Nationalism." Or, to paraphrase Johnny Paycheck: Take your Christian Nationalism and shove it. It is not of God.

As Paul turned to the Gentiles in the face of Jewish opposition and unbelief (Acts 13:44-52), I am turning to two groups of people: the microscopic few who remain interested in learning and living out sound doctrine; as well as the many non-Christians who haven't yet made a decision for Christ and His redemptive accomplishment on their behalf. For the former, starting in three weeks, I will begin posting my commentary on Paul's epistle to the Romans. For those who haven't yet made that all-important decision for Christ, I will be extending an invitation for you to do just that, as often as I possibly can, for the foreseeable future. And I guess this is as good a time as any. Paul told the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:21 that his ministry involved ". . . **solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.**" Contrary to what you may have heard, repentance does not involve a change of behavior. It consists of a change of mind, which will bear fruit, slowly but surely, in a changed lifestyle for the better (Luke 3:7-14). This is how repentance and faith are interconnected when making this decision for Christ. This will be brief, with a more detailed explanation of this invitation, in our next two posts.

>> You must have a change of mind as to how you view yourself in alignment with how God sees you: A sinner in need of a Savior.

>> You must have a change of mind about what you consider to be the greatest need of your life, in harmony with what the Bible says: To be forgiven of your sin.

>> You must have a change of mind in regard to who Jesus Christ is and what He has accomplished on your behalf. Both are necessary in order to experience God's plan of salvation for your life.

- (1) Jesus Christ is God incarnate; God the Son who became God the Man. We are told in Colossians 2:9 – "For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."**
- (2) Jesus Christ's redemptive accomplishment consists of His death on Calvary's Cross to pay the penalty of our sin, His burial and His resurrection from the dead; vindicating who He claimed to be; validating His death on the Cross as a payment for the penalty of our sin.**
- (3) Pray to receive by faith, Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord; asking Him to forgive you of your sin; allowing Him to begin making you into the person He wants you to be.**