

Counterfeit Christianity  
Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Two important Bible words:

**IF** - 2 Chronicles 7:14; Romans 10:9-10

**Like**

- 1) Simple statements of fact
  - a) Two **sowers** – (verses 24-25)
    - i) **Jesus**
    - ii) **diabolos**
  - b) Two kinds of seeds (verse 38)
    - i) **Children of the kingdom**
    - ii) **Children of the devil**
      - (1) *1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*
  - c) There is but **one field** –the world (verse 38)
  - d) Jesus is the **Lord** of that field - (verse 24)
    - i) *Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.*
- 2) Serious warnings about your faith
  - a) Don't be **dismayed** that there are tares among the wheat
    - i) You only counterfeit the real thing.
  - b) Don't be **dividing** the tares from among the wheat
    - i) "**Evangelize** don't evaluate"
    - ii) "**Bear fruit** don't uproot."
  - c) Don't be **discouraged** that there are tares among the wheat
    - i) Everyone starts off as a tare.
  - d) Don't be **distracted** – you are planted among tares because you are wheat.
    - i) **You** are the good seed. – (verse 38)
  - e) Don't be **deceived**; tares have a different destiny than the wheat
    - i) We will be gathered into the barns **of blessing** (verse 30, 43)
    - ii) Or we will be gathered into bundles **for burning** (verse 30, 41-42)
      - (1) 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
      - (2) Revelation 14:14-16
  - f) Don't **delay** - this is the time of sowing, God will take care of the reaping.