

SONG: "It Is Well With My Soul"

(My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him." Psalm 62:5)

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows, like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, It is well with my soul." It is well, with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul.
2. Tho' Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control; That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well, with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul.
3. My sin O the bliss, of this glorious thought; My sin not in part, but the whole; Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul. It is well, with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul.
4. And Lord haste the day, When my faith shall be sight The clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, Even so it is well with my soul. It is well, with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul.

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SERMON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 "Weeds and Wheat"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

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SPECIAL PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN: #49 "Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast"

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JULY:
July 13th and 27th – 10:30 Service

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

"Weeds and Wheat"

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" 36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

1. What's the purpose of a parable?
2. According to this parable, where are believers and unbelievers mixed together?
3. Why doesn't Jesus take us immediately to heaven when we believe?
4. Into what two groups can all people of the world be divided?
5. How does the devil's "weeds" sometimes look compared to God's "wheat"?
6. How have we been changed from "weeds" to "wheat"?
7. Describe the fate the devil's "weeds" will suffer?
8. In what way will believers in Christ shine forever?