

**The Gospel of Matthew #96**

**SEE THE BIG PICTURE OF THE KINGDOM**

**Matthew 13:24-43**

I. Preliminary Observations

A. The 3 parables are a unit:

1. A mixture of wheat & weeds (v24-30)
2. A tiny mustard seed that grows into a 12' shrub (v31-32)
3. A tiny bit of yeast transforming 50 lbs of flour (v33)
4. Explanation of wheat & weeds and End (v34-43)  
Implies all a unit

B. Do they refer to God's work or Satan's work?

\_\_\_\_\_ work: each begin "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."

C. To what does the "Kingdom of Heaven" refer?

Ans: God's Rule being extended over the nations until all evil destroyed and Messiah rules unopposed forever

II. Five lessons: an overview of Christian History

A. **F**\_\_\_\_\_: astounding growth from an insignificant beginning  
(mustard seed)

CPC's World Mission Task Force leads us in participation in God's Global Kingdom growth

B. **I**\_\_\_\_\_: do not be surprised at the mixture of genuine and nominal Christians in any culture where Christianity has taken hold  
(wheat & weeds)

C. **M**\_\_\_\_\_: It is our job to transform individuals and society under the Rule of King Jesus:  
(yeast)

1. Disciple all who call themselves Christians  
CPC's Simple Process & 12 Step Living the Gospel  
(Ask your elder or me)
2. Permeate society with Christian values:
  - a) Mercy: compassion  
Egs: Rte 1 homeless shelter, Sandtown
  - b) Justice  
Education, media, arts, law, politics, your calling

D. **W**\_\_\_\_\_: are you **wheat** or **weed**?  
Will you be **burned** or placed in the **barn**?  
Weeping and gnashing of teeth?  
Or shining like the sun with the Father?

What of those in your family?

Cf. 7:13-14, 21-23; 10:28; 11:20-24.

Come to Him for Rest and Life

E. **H**\_\_\_\_\_: the Day is soon Coming of the Great Division:

1. No more cause of sin and evil (v41)
2. You will shine like the sun! (cf. Dan12:3)