

MAY 27

## “ARE YOU WHEAT OR TARE?”

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### READ

*Acts 17:29-31, Matthew 13:24-30*

Jesus told an interesting parable about a man who went out and sowed his field with wheat. While the man slept, an enemy came in and sowed tares. A tare looks exactly like wheat, so he didn't know they were there until both had grown a bit. The servants asked the master if he wanted them to try and pick out all the tares from the wheat. The master said, “No. It will damage the wheat. Just leave it. When harvest time comes, then we'll separate the wheat from the tares.” That is the composition of the world today — wheat and tares. Tares are people that act like Christians. They go through the motions, appearing to be believers, but they are not saved because they never repented.

Repentance is when you realize that you are separated from God, bow down in brokenness, and confess that you are a sinner. When you ask Him to forgive you, He does. But the proof of repentance is what you do when you get up from your knees. You bear the fruit of the Spirit. At harvest time, the tares and wheat will be separated. The tares will be burned, the wheat will be saved.

### PRAY

Jesus, You are Lord of the harvest, and are coming soon. You will make all things right. Until the day You return, I will put my faith in You alone — not in others. Give me discernment to recognize tares in the field, and help me be fully devoted to You.

*From August 23, 2009*