

The Markup of the Kingdom, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 13.

B. We need to understand the kingdom makeup so we can know how God's plan is unfolding today.

II. Not every person is going to respond.

III. There is a form of the kingdom that the disciples were to understand so they knew what to expect:.

A. We can expect a growing together of those who will be judged and those who will be saved until the end of the age.

B. The separation will happen in the future when the Son returns. (Matthew 22, Isaiah 61:10)

C. During the age of grace God lets iniquity run its course.

D. We cannot mess with the "tares" because we never know for sure who they are. Most of the people who are tares do not even know that they are tares. (Revelation 17:5-6, Matthew 7)

E. Our ministry is not to judge tares, but to judge them.

IV. In spite of the tares, the kingdom grows.

V. The kingdom has an internal influence. Christianity has brought a positive influence on the world.

VI. Conclusion: we must snatch people out of the fire. (Jude 22-23)

Application Questions:

1. Why is it important to know that judgment has been delayed?

2. How should we respond to people who outwardly seemed to be those who will be judged?

3. Have you ever seen seeming "tares" turn out to be fruit instead? What can we learn from stories like these?
