

## Scripture References

Matt 13:24-30 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "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?' "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 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.'"

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Eph 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

1 Cor 15:3-4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Rom 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Eph 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Heb 5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

John 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

## Authentic Jesus, A Study in 1 John

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### Fred Hennes, Sermon #639, "Know the Truth" (1 John 2:18-27)

The antichrist would like nothing better than to \_\_\_\_\_ you into thinking that Jesus is not...

Teaching on eternal life falls into one of four categories:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ or non-existent,
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ through good works / morality,
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to all living beings, or
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ for by substitutionary atonement.

Despite various divisions among the Church, all true Christians hold the following to be absolute truths:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the self-sufficient Word of God.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Son of God, equal with the Father and Spirit.
3. All have sinned and the only way to be saved is through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.
4. Christ died on the cross as man's \_\_\_\_\_ for the penalty of sin.
5. Christ rose again from the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ within true believers.
7. One day in the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus will come again.

God has warned us about the conflict between light and darkness; love and hatred; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The key to guarding yourself from being led astray is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

## Life Group Ice-Breaker Question

1. Share a vivid memory from a past 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. In your opinion, why are the cults as popular as they are? What is the attraction to false teaching?
4. What association is there between the scriptures taught in this sermon and Jesus' parable of the good seed and weeds. (see Matt 13:24-30; 36-43)
5. What doctrinal differences between Christian denominations do you think are the least harmful? Most harmful?

6. Summarize why you think 1 John 2:18-27 is included in the Scriptures.

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. What could you do to persuade a good friend or family member to return to the true faith if they have been enticed away by false teaching?
8. What practical things can you do to remain (abide) in Christ? Which of these things are most important to you and why?
9. Pray to remain true to Christ and His Word and not to be led astray by false teaching and teachers.