



The Organic Gospel

Discover how God's plan of salvation is about growing the nature of Christ organically *within* you.

Chapter 3 – Seed Amongst Thorns (Part 1 - Pages 33-45)

Anchor Text – Matthew 13:1-43; Matthew 15:1-9

Guiding Questions

Caught in the Weeds

- Galatians 2:4 and Jude 1:4 tell us that the devil can come in through false brethren who creep in to bring the church into bondage.
 - How is this an example of a fifth column?
 - What is one significant reason why the majority of the church world is unable to detect these infiltrations?
- Why are good works alone insufficient as evidence of the life of Christ within us?
- What is the difference between being Gospel focused versus “fellowship” focused?
- What happens in the heart of a Christian when Christ's seed mixes with the serpent's seed?
- Why is it critical that the Church remain separate from the world and religious systems?

Defiled Fruit – The Gospel of Prosperity

- What are some of the errors that define the gospel of greed?
- Why does this perversion of the Gospel bring a snare to the soul?
- Jesus told us that there is nothing from the outside that can defile a person to make him or her unclean. Anything that causes one to be defiled comes from what is on the inside (Matthew 15:1-20). What is ultimately on the inside of a person that causes them to receive the defiled fruit of the prosperity gospel?



Defiled Fruit – Religious Denominationalism

- List several differences between a relationship *with* God versus religious performance *about* God.
- One example of religious doctrine is Calvinism. How do the following principles of Calvinism blur the truth of God?
 - God chooses who will or will not be saved. Human beings do not have a choice in salvation.
 - Once God chooses you, you cannot fall away from salvation.
- Why is it impossible for religious systems and the doctrines of men to form the life of Christ within you?

Call to Action

List one to two specific Calls to Action from this chapter that resonate with you.

- Call to Action 1:
- Call to Action 2:

Personal Prayer

Religion is a strong hold in the soul that Jesus continuously warns us about. Remember, the religious church world (the religious Jews) crucified Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you examine your heart to identify any areas where you have obeyed the doctrines of men over the Word of God. Humbly ask Christ to open your eyes to these areas, especially where religious pride may be hindering the truth from penetrating your heart. Even if we do not affiliate with a formalized denomination, there are many ways religious works and the doctrines of men can obscure the cross. Pray for clear vision, according to the Scripture, and for a humble heart that is always open to receive God's truth as revealed by the Spirit of Christ.

