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Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went his way. But when the blade had sprung up and had produced fruit, then the darnel also appeared. So the servants of the householder came and said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then where have the darnel come from? He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them up? But he said, No, lest while you gather up the darnel you also root up the wheat with them. *Let both grow together until the harvest*. And in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather together the darnel and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary." \Rightarrow Matthew 13:24-30.

Darnel is a grass in the lolium genus. Some of its species are a highly nutritious animal feed; other species of it are weeds which severely impact the growth of wheat. This latter type, also called tares, is the bad kind Jesus talked about in His parable. Parables capture a wide audience and focus them on a single point, just like a parabolic (dish) antenna. In Matthew 13:36-43

Jesus makes sure we understand the spiritual lesson in His parable:

- Jesus sows the good seed.
- The good seed are children of God.
- The darnel / tares are children of the devil.
- The field is the world.
- The enemy who sowed them is the devil.
- The harvest is the end of the world.
- The reapers are the angels.
- As the darnel are gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be in the end of this world. Jesus shall send out His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous shall shine out like the sun in the kingdom of God their Father.

"The children of the devil" are everyone who has not made Jesus Christ the Lord of their life (i.e. not the children of God) ⇒ John 8:42-45; 1 John 3:7-10. Remember something very important: every Christian was a child of the devil until Jesus saved them ⇒ Ephesians 5:3-8. Referencing the partial list of those not going to Heaven, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says ⇒ being washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Holy Spirit removed us from hell's list!!! Now brace yourself for the lesson here:

When Jesus said, "Let both grow together until the harvest"... realize THIS is God's grace that gives us time to get saved and grow! The servants in the parable made the very same mistake rampant today: Christians bashing certain sins instead of loving those who commit those sins into relationship with God... "Letting both grow together until the harvest." Such 'Christians' wield double agent dogma: using the principles of God to do the work of satan: kill, steal and destroy ⇒ John 10:10. Pulling up darnel / tares is sin... just like the sins some Christians bash. Pointing out sin does not save people! Read ⇒ Romans 2:1-4, repent from Satan's work, and instead: share the good news of Jesus! ♥