

2. Sorted in our Responses

Parable of Sower, Matthew 13:3-9 (13:18-23)

Some don't believe...
Some receive initially but don't last...
Some receive but don't mature...
And some receive, mature, and return a manifold harvest.

Examples—

Rich Young ruler walked away sadly, Mark 10:21-22

Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-9

Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl, Matthew 13:44-46

3. Sorted at the End of the Age

Angels and Jesus—Matthew 13: Tares (13:24-30), and the Drag Net (13:47-50)

Jesus and two harvests—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 14:14-20

Separation of good and evil—Matthew 25:31-46 (Sheep and Goats)

Punish and reward—Matthew 13:30

Come blessed of my Father—Matthew 25:34

Application (Invitation to hear, receive, and believe)

In the Parable of the Dragnet (Matthew 13:50)

Weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A terrible end not intended for you or me.

God has and is doing everything in his power to keep you from that end.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

A Kingdom of Sorts.

- The only sorting we have control over is our response.
- God is reaching out to you and me. Receive His love, His salvation.