

**Romans 1** 16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes (*faith*)—the Jew first and also the Gentile. 17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight (*God's work NOT ours*). This is accomplished from start to finish by faith (*Faith Alone*). As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” (*Habakkuk 2:4*)

**Isaiah 64** 6 We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

**James 1** 21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

**Matthew 13** 18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 21 But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the

lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. 23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

**Matthew 13** 24 Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. 26 When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. 27 “The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ 28 ““An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. ““Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. 29 ““No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’’

## **Action Steps**

- Are you a born again (saved) Christian?
- Have you been Baptized in your faith?
- What is God revealing to you through the Word of God?
- Are you living in obedience?