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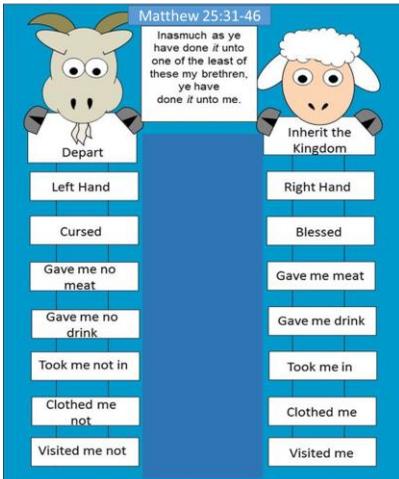
## HOM Editorial

In the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds (Matthew 13: 24-30) *“The servants asked the Owner, ‘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.*

Have you ever worried that you are a weed and will only find out at the harvest? Jesus made known to us that false teachings which look very similar to the truth will appear after His ascension. Satan’s religion often speaks highly of Jesus, but it frequently denies His deity, or it denies His universal atonement, or it denies what is and isn’t sin, or it denies justification by grace...and the list goes on. The sons of the evil one also include those who brazenly live in unrepentant sin, behaving as if sin did not matter.

Another endtime parable is the one on the Sheep and the Goats in Matthew 25:31-46 (graphic from Swee Leong’s presentation). The core message of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats is that God’s people will love others. Good works will result from our relationship to the Shepherd. Followers of Christ will treat others with kindness, serving them as if they were serving Christ Himself.



My 94 years old, home bound mother just realized that COVID-19 affected the whole world. When I visited her recently, she excitedly told me the end of the world is coming. Maybe she is getting senile or maybe she is prophesying but it is good to know now whether you are a Sheep or Goat, Wheat or Weeds.

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. 2 Peter 1:10*

*Martin Cheah*