

**Matthew 13:47-52**  
**God's Big Fishing Net**

***Many are caught in the kingdom net, but not all are brought into the kingdom.***

- I. You are caught in a net.
  - A. We all start out caught in the nets of the wicked.  
Ecclesiastes 9:12; Habakkuk 1:14-17; Psalm 129:4; Psalm 107:14.
  - B. The net of the Lord descends into the world to gather together his catch.  
Psalm 65:2
  - C. God's net contains some of every kind.
  
- II. Sorted by the Lord.
  - A. The angels are the same servants as the reapers, v. 30.  
Revelation 6:15-17
  - B. This sorting assures the righteousness of the eternal age.  
Psalm 7:8-9; 1Cor 6:9-10; Rev 21:7-8.
  - C. The Lord knows his "keepers."  
2 Timothy 2:19; Psalm 1:6; John 10:14; John 10:27-28.
  - D. The bad are alive but dead.  
John 17:3; Psalm 104:29-30.
  
- III. You know the end even in the present.
  - A. The sorting is coming.  
Rev 11:18.
  - B. The destinations are complete opposites.  
Rev 22:14; Psalm 91:8;  
Rev 22:15.; Dan 3:6, 20; Psalm 21:9; Mark 9:43; Matt 25:41; Luke 16:23; Rev 21:8.
  
- IV. Instructed scribes.
  - A. If you have understood these things, what does it mean for you?  
Phil 3:8-11.
  - B. If we have understood these things, what does it mean for our church?
  - C. The Lord teaches both for motivation and for encouragement.  
Colossians 3:23-25.