

### Salvation is NOT by Association – Part 3 – Dissociation by Excuses

**Matthew 13:25** But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.

Addressed to the church leadership;

**1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is A root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**Hebrews 13:5-6** MAKE SURE that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.

What will man do to me?"

**Luke 14:1-15** 1 It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely. 2 And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. 3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" 4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away. 5 And He said to them, " Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?" 6 And they could make no reply to this.

7 And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, 8 "When you are **invited** by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been **invited** by him, 9 and he who **invited** you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. 10 But when you are **invited**, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has **invited** you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had **invited** Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not **invite** your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also **invite** you in return and that will be your repayment. 13 But when you give a reception, **invite** the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; **for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.**"

15 When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

**Luke 14:16-24** 16 But He said to him, "A man (*The Lord*) was giving a big dinner, and he **invited** many;

17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been **invited**, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'

18 BUT they **all alike** began to make excuses The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'

19 Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'

20 Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

21 And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 'Go out there and just get me anyone, I have paid the price for all this food and drink, I am not going to let it go to waste....get me in here anyone who really wants it. 22 And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

23 And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. 24 **For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.**'"

**Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.