

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On February 19, 2015, we received the following inquiry from one of our brothers in Spain. Translated to the best of our ability, this is what he wrote:

“Hi, as you know, in the days of the early Christian church, all Christians shared what they had, and the widows and orphans were helped in their trouble. So whether a person is to be classified as sheep or goat is a result of how they treated Christ's brethren in their basic needs, ... since the [Watchtower] does not promote these good practices do you think there will soon be an adjustment of understanding to come about?

“In my humble opinion, and as we express our Lord Jesus Christ, wheat and tares look very similar and are growing together, and the angels and the Lord are in charge of making this separation. Since God's judgment begins from home, it is logical that even when the Lord comes with his mighty angels there will still be room for improvement. This should make us humble and honest with God and we should reject people and falsehoods, and primarily our loyalty should be always the Lord and His Son Jesus Christ.

“I rejoice that there is a place where we can express our questions and you give us answers, greetings.”

To the author, thank you for your email. Although we are optimistic and hopeful, we are not holding our breath in expectation of meaningful change in the Watchtower leadership, at least not in the next couple of years. We do, however, see a gradual change in the individual Witnesses. More and more are turning away from the servitude of men and are beginning to follow Jesus as ‘the way, the truth and the life.’ (*John 14:6*)

While some continue to follow ‘the blind’ (*Matthew 15:14*), more and more are opening their own eyes and beginning to follow the leading of the spirit. (*Romans 8:14*) They are training their powers of perception (*Hebrews 5:14*), being guided by the Spirit of Truth (*John 16:13*) and allowing the spirit to teach them. (*1 John 2:27*) And they are rejecting the ideas foisted upon them by the Watchtower publications that their salvation is dependent upon them following the direction of the Governing Body ‘whether it is sound from a human standpoint or not.’ (*The Watchtower*, November 15, 2013, p. 20, paragraph 17) We are very grateful to see and be a part of this change in our brothers and sisters.

As far as the separating of the sheep and goat, this is a work done by Christ Jesus and the angels (*Matthew 25:31-32*), and so we leave them to their work. It is not our place to judge our brothers, no matter what we think of their choices. (*Matthew 7:1-5*)

And again, we thank you for your email and if you have any other questions about anything we publish, please do not hesitate to write us again.

“*Elaia Luchnia*”
