

## **A Broken Body Can Only Be Healed by Reattaching the Severed Members.**

Have you ever thought about the separation of the "*wheat from the chaff*" not as a process of forever separating those who are saved from those who are lost, but instead as a refining process of removing the impurities from our individual selves and our "collective selves," as well? We are all connected spiritually because we all have within us seeds of the divine and we are all spiritually connected with one another as God's offspring (ie. children). Most of the "salvation" references in the Hebrew Bible (ie. the Old Testament) refer to a "corporate process" of refining a nation. References in the Hebrew Bible of judgment by fire most often refer to cleansing of the nation resulting in the salvation of the entire nation, and all the other nations of the earth, as well (See Zephaniah 3:8,9). Individual salvation did not take the form of going to heaven after death, but of one's name living on and being remembered by one's progeny. Individually, we all experience a "refining process," as well, both in this life and the next (See 1 Cor. 3:15) whereby the impurities are removed from our lives. Collectively, as with the Children of Israel, we are undergoing a corporate refining process, whereby the collective is purified by removing the dross. The difference is this. Because this collective "dross" consists of people, not just things or bad attitudes and behaviors, they cannot be "destroyed" (literally: lost) forever, but only until cleansed and purified and made fit for being grafted back in again to the collective (See Romans 11:24). Just as it is impossible for energy to cease to exist (it can only change forms), so it is with the human soul or spirit. It cannot cease to exist. How can any part of God cease to exist or be lost forever? The collective is not healed by cutting off its members. The opposite is true. It can only be healed by reattaching its members and making the body "whole" again.