the visible church is an aim not taught in the Scripture because it would be impossible in this life. The aim should be to purge the visible church of all that tries to destroy the truth of Christ, and to lead it in a false direction. It should be an instrument for the upbuilding of those who take the name of Christ, and who give reasonable evidence of believing on Him. Not that we can be absolutely sure. Regardless of anything we do, there will be tares in the church. The purity of the visible church ~~is merely common sense~~ which, properly understood is merely common sense, is not the subject of this particular parable.

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