

The Law of Sowing & Reaping

In the beginning God established an unchangeable law of reproduction in which everything would bring forth after its own kind (Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25). The very germ of life of every living thing on earth and by which everything is reproduced is found in the “seed.” If every pecan tree in the world were cut down or destroyed the pecan kingdom could still be brought back to life if somewhere a pecan seed were planted in the ground thereby reproducing a pecan tree. The same is true of every living thing created by God in the beginning to unchangeably reproduce after its kind. This same principle known as the “*Law of Sowing and Reaping*” must be applied to the spiritual realm.

The prophet Daniel foretold of a kingdom that would come in the days of the Roman Empire that would “*never be destroyed,*” but “*shall stand forever*” (Daniel 2:44). In Luke chapter eight, Jesus told a parable called the parable of “*The Sower.*” He said, “*The “seed” is the Word of God*” (Luke 8:11). Therefore, the spiritual “seed” which is the Word of God (the Bible) can be planted by anyone, anywhere and the spiritual kingdom which is the church of Christ will be reproduced the same way every time.

What is the spiritual kingdom? Daniel prophesied of a kingdom set up by God in the days of a fourth kingdom (Rome – Daniel 2:40-44). When Jesus began His three year ministry He preached “*The kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (yet to come – Matthew 4:17). Later Jesus told His disciples that the kingdom of God would come with power (Mark 9:1). A reference to the power given to the apostles on Pentecost, when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). Therefore, in Jerusalem on Pentecost AD30, the kingdom of God - the church of Christ - began as the apostles preached – planting the Word of God (the seed) in the hearts of the people (Acts 2:16-38).

The only way to reproduce the kingdom of God (the church of Christ) in any generation is through the gospel (the “seed”). The Word of God

will only reproduce after it’s kind – that kind being “*Christians*” - members of the church of Christ – the Lord’s body (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14). Jesus said in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:11-15), the “seed” which is the Word of God is planted in the hearts of men (soil). This “seed” will only reproduce ONE type of Christian – a member of the spiritual kingdom – the church of Christ. The gospel CANNOT and WILL NOT produce hyphenated Christians – Catholic-Christians; Methodist-Christians; Pentecostal-Christians, etc. The only “seed” that can produce these groups is their own doctrine (*tare seed* – Matthew 13:24-30; 37-40).

Catholic seed (catechism) produces a Catholic; Baptist seed (Baptist manual) produces a Baptist; Methodist seed (Methodist Discipline) produces a Methodist; Jehovah’s Witness seed (Watchtower Society) produces Jehovah’s Witness seed; etc. etc. The Word of God will never and can never produce one single denominational group. Remember that it does not matter who plants the “seed,” or where it is planted in the world. When the Word of God is planted in the hearts of honest men it will only produce a Christian – a member of the church of Christ - the kingdom of God and heaven.

When an open and honest individual hears the Word of God and obeys every condition unto salvation, the Lord will add that person to His kingdom (Acts 2:47). When added by God to the church of Christ after hearing the Word, believing it, repenting, confessing Christ, and being baptized, one is then found “*in Christ*” where God has placed His love (Romans 8:38-39); His grace (2 Timothy 2:1); eternal life (Romans 6:23); all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3); forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 4:32); sainthood (1 Corinthians 1:2); redemption (Romans 3:24) and salvation (2 Timothy 2:10).

It is for this reason that we encourage you to study the Word of God (“seed” of the kingdom) and obey it alone, that you may be added to Christ’s religious body whereby you may be saved and obtain the hope of eternal life in heaven. Jesus warns: “*take heed that NO man deceive you*”

(Matthew 24:4). But search the Scriptures daily to make sure that these things are so (Acts 17:11). It is our prayer that all men desire to “*speak thou the things that befit sound doctrine*” (Titus 2:11). And that we all obey Jesus’ prayer of unity by teaching, believing and obeying the same doctrine (John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10).

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