

Incorruptible Seed

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23.

If a man wants to grow vegetables, he must plant seed. No matter how much he plows his field, no matter how much he tills it, no matter how much he waters it, lettuce and carrots will not grow unless the seed has been planted.

The apostle Peter gives us a picture of the life of the Christian. He declares that it also must have a seed before it can grow, and that this seed is the Word of God.

God could, of course, simply say, "Let Christians come into existence," and it would come to pass. He can give forth His command and whatever He wills is done. Yet He chooses, ordinarily, to work through means. It is His will that the wonderful Scripture which He has given should be the seed through which He brings spiritual life into existence.

We may plow, we may cultivate, we may water. We may study all the principles of personality development and child training. We may utilize all the means of improvement that we can find, but if we are to secure a life that is worth while it can be done only as a result of a new birth produced through the agency of the Word of God.

Important as are the other activities of a Christian, there is none that is more important than the wide-spread dissemination of the Word of God. Important as are the various means of improving oneself, there is no other that is anywhere near as important as the study of God's Word and the implanting of its many sections deep into one's heart and life.

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