

Death of a Seed

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I. Introduction.

A. John 12:24.

B. We should submit ourselves to the Lordship of Christ because he is the Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

C. God is faithful.

II. The death of a seed.

A. We have been born again by the Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:9, 1 Corinthians 12:3)

B. We feed on God's Word through the Holy Spirit.

C. We can only call Jesus Lord by the Spirit. (Luke 9:23)

1. Salvation is a once and for all decision. (John 1:12, John 12:24)

2. However, we are to take up our cross and follow Jesus daily.

D. The gospel is the death burial and resurrection for salvation from the penalty, power and presence of sin. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

1. Without reading these from the Bible one can fall into heresy.

2. Work is involved in the Christian life. (Colossians 3:16, 1 John 1:9)

3. This does not mean that our salvation is from works - it is all from God's provision.

4. We have been saved from the penalty of sin. (Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 3:18)

5. We are being saved from the power of sin. (Romans 5:10)

a. Salvation is also the resurrection and returning of Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:1-3)

b. We live the life now because Christ conquered the enemy in His death. (Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 4:10-11)

c. He died that we might live. He died that we might live.

6. We will be saved from the presence of sin. (Romans 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:15)

E. With God everything is ever present. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Matthew 11)

F. We are to be no respecter of persons and keep Christ as Lord. (Luke 9:2-3, Ephesians 6:9, Colossians 3:25, Revelation 3:20)

G. We are to die to ourselves in order to obey from the heart. (John 13:14, Romans 6:17)

1. We have a will switch.

2. We don't 'pray about' anything that God says to do, we just do it. (John 8:29, Colossians 3:8)

3. We put on what is good and put off what is bad. (Colossians 3:13, Joshua 1:7-9, 1 Corinthians 14:32)

4. Denying ourselves is dealing with the old self-life. (Mark 10:45, John 13:13-14, Matthew 5:41)

a. We do not necessarily deny things.

b. We are to deny ourselves and accept the roles we are supposed to.

H. Either Christ is Lord or we are Lord. (Proverbs 16:2, Romans 6:16, 2 Peter 2:19, Matthew 6:24, John 12:24)

I. Lonely people have not died yet.

J. We have to die to ourselves. (2 Corinthians 4:12)

K. We have to follow Christ. (Matthew 4:19)

Application questions

1. What is the Lordship of Jesus and how can we respond appropriately to it?

2. Explain the gospel.

3. What does it mean to die to oneself and why does this not necessarily mean simply letting go of things?
