

“Seeds, Soils and a Sower”

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I. Important reminders before reading the parable.

A. For you, grace isn't _____ or _____, it's _____ . (Rom 5:15; Rom 6:23)

B. Salvation is by _____ through _____ alone. (Eph 2:8-9)

C. Salvation and _____ are two separate and _____ parts of the Christian life. (John 20:31)

II. Works are part of Discipleship (Eph 2:10), but they **DO NOT**...

A. _____ you become saved. (Eph 2:8-9)

B. _____ you saved or get you _____. (Gal 3:2-3)

C. _____ that you're saved. (Matt 5:20; Matt 23:27-28)

III. Lessons from the “Four Soils.”

A. Soil #1: Sowing may _____ at _____ (Mark 4:15).

B. Soil #2: Don't be _____ (Mark 4:16-17).

C. Soil #3: Don't be _____ (Mark 4:18-19).

D. Soil #4: Don't be _____ (Mark 4:20; 2 Pet 1:5-9).

IV. Lessons from “The Sower.” (Mark 4:26-29).

A. _____ seeds means _____ the Gospel.

B. God causes the _____; you be ready to _____.

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- I. Important reminders before reading the parable.
 - A. For you, grace isn't COSTLY or CHEAP it's FREE.
 - B. Salvation is by GRACE through FAITH alone.
 - C. Salvation and DISCIPLESHIP are two separate and DISTINCT parts of the Christian life.

- II. Works are part of Discipleship (Eph 2:10), but they DO NOT...
 - A. HELP you become saved.
 - B. KEEP you saved or get you RE-SAVED.
 - C. PROVE that you're saved.

- III. Lessons from the four soils
 - A. Soil #1: Sowing may FAIL at FIRST (Mark 4:15).
 - B. Soil #2: Don't be FEARFUL.
 - C. Soil #3: Don't be FOOLED.
 - D. Soil #4: Don't be FORGETFUL.

- IV. The Sower
 - A. SOWING seeds means SHARING the Gospel.
 - B. God causes the GROWTH, you be ready to HARVEST.

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