"The Seed is the Word of God" Luke 8:11

Introduction

- I. The principle of sowing and reaping is known worldwide.
- II. There is physical sowing and reaping, but there is also spiritual sowing and reaping.
- III. The preaching of the Gospel will bring forth fruit (Col. 1:5-6).

Discussion

- I. The seed is essential for a harvest.
 - A. Without a seed there will never be a crop/fruit (Luke 8:11).
 - B. Without the Word of God there will never be a spiritual harvest either (Col. 1:6; Matt. 13:23; Mark 4:14; 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 4:3-4).
 - C. Sinners must be converted by the Word of God (Psm. 19:7; Matt. 13:15, 23).
 - D. Without the Word of God there is no faith (Rom. 10:13-17; John 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 3:5).
 - E. Having the seed is not enough; it must be planted/sown (Matt. 28:19-20; Psm. 126:5-6; Eccl. 11:6).
 - F. A person cannot be "born again" without the Word of God (1 Pet. 1:22-23; James 1:18, 21; 1 Cor. 4:15).
- II. The seed must healthy/sound for it to produce fruit.
 - A. The Word of God must be preached faithfully (Titus. 2:1; John 6:63; Rom. 1:16; Heb. 4:12; 1 Cor. 15:2; 1:21).
 - B. God's Word is not rotten (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 2:1-2; Matt. 15:9).
- III. A seed will always produce is it's own kind.
 - A. We know this to be true in nature (Gen. 1:12; Gal. 6:7).
 - B. The same seed that produced Christians almost 2,000 years ago still produces Christians/the church today (Acts 11:26; 2 John 9-11; Rom. 16:16).

Conclusion

- I. Has the seed been planted and watered in our hearts (1 Cor. 3:6)?
- II. Are we sowing and planting the seed in other hearts?