

Seed with a Purpose

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Main Passage: John 12: 20–28 (NKJV)

Scripture Reading

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Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

3 Different Applications

1. **Natural Seed**
 2. **Jesus is the Seed**
 3. **His Disciples are the Seed**
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Legacy – Webster’s Definition

1. A gift by will of money or other personal property.
 2. Something given by or received from an ancestor or predecessor.
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1. Natural Seed

If a seed stays by itself, it remains alone. But when it is buried and dies, it produces something greater than itself.

2. Jesus is the SEED

Galatians 3: 16 (NKJV)

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

Alone — *monos*

Only one left, by themselves; lacking companions.

John 14: 16–18 (NKJV)

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 16: 7 (NKJV)

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Romans 8: 29 (NKJV)

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Characteristics of the Seed

1. **Seed produces according to its own kind.**

*Kind — *mîn**: category, class, species, or type; things distinguished by a common characteristic or quality.

2. **The seed is in itself.**

The seed is Jesus—the Word of God.

Everything I need is in the SEED!

3. His Disciples Are the Seed

Galatians 3: 29 (NKJV)

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Remains — *menō*

To stay, continue, or abide in a state or condition.

Alone — *monos*

Only one left, by themselves; lacking companions.

Genesis 2: 18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Dies — *apothnēskō*

To die, be dead; to pass from physical life; to die in water, to drown.

Romans 6: 3–4 (NKJV)

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

John 12: 25–26 (NKJV)

He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Mark 8: 34–35 (NKJV)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."

John 12: 27 (NKJV)

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour."

Troubled — *tarassō*

To agitate; affliction, mental and emotional distress or turbulence.

Mark 10: 45 (NKJV)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

1 John 3: 8 (NKJV)

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

John 3: 17 (NKJV)

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

For This Purpose

2 Timothy 1: 8–12 (NKJV)

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Word Studies

- **Saved — *sōzō***
To save, deliver, heal, rescue, preserve.
 - **Called — *kaleō***
To summon, invite; to authoritatively communicate a demand for the presence or participation of.
 - **Holy — *hagios***
Sacred, consecrated; pure, clean.
 - **Works — *ergon***
Work, toil, deed, or business.
 - **Purpose — *prothesis***
Setting forth, intention; an anticipated outcome that guides planned actions.
Purposed in advance; plan, will, or public declaration.
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Summary Statement:

Jesus, the ultimate Seed, was buried to produce much fruit—us. Now we are called to live as seeds of purpose: dying to self, walking in unity, and multiplying His life in others for the glory of God.
