

MIXED SEED—HYBRID RESULTS (1)

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The person who learns good farming principles learns that if he plants the seeds for different grains together, the integrity of the plants and the seeds they produce will not be preserved. Planting different seeds together can cause cross-pollination, which results in hybrid grain that shoots up in rapid growth, but it does not produce grain suitable for cow feed or human consumption. Farmers endeavor to keep the seed PURE. In the Old Law, God forbade His people to engage in mixed planting, which would corrupt or contaminate the grain. *“You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled.”* {Deuteronomy 22:9} God established this law and principle in the very beginning. *“Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth;’ and it was so.”* {Genesis 1:11} In the first chapter of Genesis, the phrase **“after his kind”** appears several times. This is a procreation principle, but it’s also true in the spiritual realm. God’s word repeatedly stresses the need to **KEEP THE SEED PURE.**

Keeping the Seed of the Kingdom Pure. *“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.”* {Luke 8:11} When this seed is planted in the hearts of good and honest people, it produces a spiritual harvest. James wrote about the seed’s power, *“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”* {James 1:21} Paul said it is God’s power to save, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”* {Romans 1:16}

The Bible also emphasizes the importance of not AMENDING or CHANGING the word. *“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* {Revelation 22:18,19} Paul warned the churches of Galatia about this danger, *“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”* {Galatians 1:8,9} The principle is also taught in the Old Testament {Deuteronomy 4:2}. Remember, these warnings came from God’s mind.

Results of Planting Pure Seed. *“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” {Acts 2:37}* In every conversation recorded in the book of Acts, we see that teaching was the first step in the process. What was taught? In every case, the pure seed of the gospel was preached. And when it was received in a good and honest heart, it produced a Christian. The saving gospel of Christ can't produce anything but a Christian. The seed germinated as God intended—it's teaching was heard, believed, and obeyed. *“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” {Acts 2:41}* We see that the products of that seed were called Christians first in Antioch *{Acts 11:26}*. The seed was kept free of corruption and contamination from false religions and doctrines, thereby avoiding hybrid results. God wants no hybrid children. He constantly emphasized being of the *“same mind and doing the same things,” {1 Corinthians 1:10}*. Next we will examine what happens when the seed is corrupted, *‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” {Matthew 17:5}*

Only by preserving this “pure seed,” the saving gospel of Christ, can one be positively sure of producing another child of God and member of the Lord's kingdom. What happens when this seed is “mixed with another?” On the following page, we will examine what takes place when this seed is corrupted. Remember, corruption takes place when it becomes MIXED with another. ***