

MIXED SEED—HYBRID RESULTS (2)

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Contaminated and Corrupt Seed. Sadly, the seed's purity was compromised when human creeds, men's innovations, false doctrines, and Satan's words began to infiltrate church pulpits. This cross-pollination with man's creeds, doctrines, and theology produced hybrid results. There was sudden and large growth, and things appeared to be healthy—but human theology had corrupted the seed. Despite the Scripture's warnings concerning adding to or subtracting from God's word, new things that claimed to be pure seed were introduced into men's minds. No longer was the seed producing Christians only, it was producing different types of Christians. For lack of a better name, we'll call them hyphenated Christians. Let's look at some examples:

Bible + Roman Catechism = Catholic Christians. One hybrid seed produced the Roman Catholic Church. I've never met a Catholic who didn't claim to believe the Bible, but it MUST be interpreted according to the Catholic Catechism. This new seed did not develop overnight. It was the product of many councils and revisions—new doctrine, celibacy, sprinkling, confirmation, confession, transubstantiation, purgatory, papal infallibility, and the list goes on. (It's still changing.) Such changes bend what the Bible teaches to conform to new-found theology. When this mixed seed is planted, it produces a Roman Catholic Christian. **EVERY SEED PRODUCES AFTER ITS OWN KIND.**

Bible + The Methodist Discipline = Methodist Christians. John Wesley began the Methodist Church at Oxford, England in 1729; its Discipline was incorporated with 25 articles. From then until now, the Methodist preachers have used the Bible and the Discipline to teach the lost. Both seeds have been sown from the same pulpit. The resulting hybrid is a—Methodist Christian. This is the only crop this mixed seed can produce.

Bible + Philadelphia Confession of Faith or Baptist Manual = Baptist Christians. John Smythe started the Baptist church in 1611. Baptist Christians differ from Roman Catholic and Methodist Christians. Baptists believe in salvation by faith only; eternal security and an unscriptural understanding of grace resulted. Again, when the pure gospel seed was mixed with the Baptist Manual, it produced a crop of Baptist Christians.

Bible + Confession of Faith = Presbyterian Christians. John Calvin and Jon Knox founded the Presbyterian Church in Geneva in 1535. The Confession of Faith was introduced in 1552. It endorsed the misguided Calvinistic TULIP theory that man is

evil at birth. When the pure gospel seed was mingled with the Confession of Faith, it produced a Presbyterian Christian.

Bible + Book of Mormon = Mormon Christian. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints organization came into existence in 1830. Joseph Smith claimed that he had a divine revelation from God. The Book of Mormon seed took precedence over the gospel seed, and the result is Mormon Christians.

Bible + Watchtower Tract Society=Jehovah Witness Christian. The Jehovah Witnesses say that their books better explain and help one understand the Bible. Yet, if one seeks to become a Jehovah Witness they will have to look outside the Bible.

Do you see the problems that occur again and again whenever the pure gospel seed is mixed with teachings initiated by men? Remember the principle set forth in *Genesis 1:11*, "every seed produces after His own kind." The only way to produce a crop of Christians is to plant (teach) pure gospel seed. It will forever be true: The Bible, and only the Bible, makes Christians and ONLY Christians!

By the way a close careful study of God's word will produce not one of these "**hybrid Christians**" names. Simply put, one is Christian or he not a Christian. God's word was given to make His children the by-product of one rendering obedience to that simple message of truth. Clear? ***