



Divine Nature Looking Like Jesus

2 Peter 1:3-4

God's Design: that we participate in His divine nature

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2. Sanctification = Being transformed to be like Jesus

- An ongoing work of God that happens over a lifetime. It's a continuing process that forms you into the likeness of Jesus as you seek the Lord and cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

An Ongoing Process of Becoming Like Jesus

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.” 2 Peter 1:5-7

Fruit of the Divine Nature: “The Sower and the Seed”

- Within each seed is the DNA code to reproduce the life that produced the seed.
- The DNA code to reproduce the divine nature of Jesus is in the WORD
- As you immerse yourself in the WORD, you will be changed into the likeness of the One who wrote it ... and look more and more like Jesus.
- The WORD will always produce, but the measure of fruitfulness depends upon the condition of the soil.

Matthew 13: The Parable of the Sower

³ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.



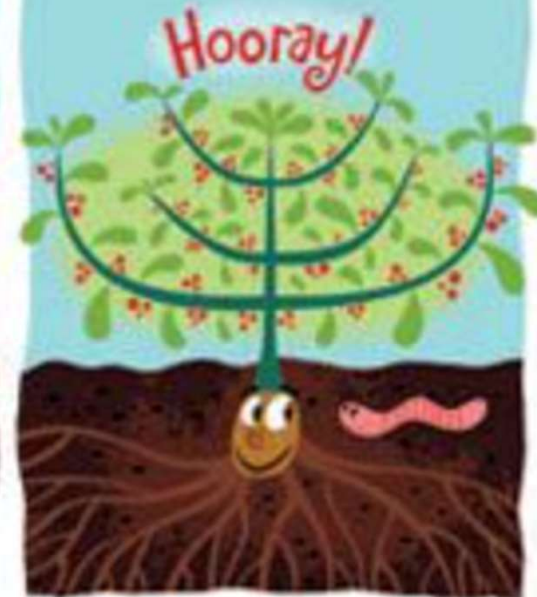
⁵ Some fell on rocky places and sprang up quickly ... ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.



⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.



⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.



Mt 13 Jesus said “Listen to what the parable of the sower means:

¹⁹ Hears but does not understand and the evil one snatches away the word.

Lack of Understanding



²⁰⁻²¹ Hears but has no root so they fall away when trouble or persecution comes.

Lack of Application



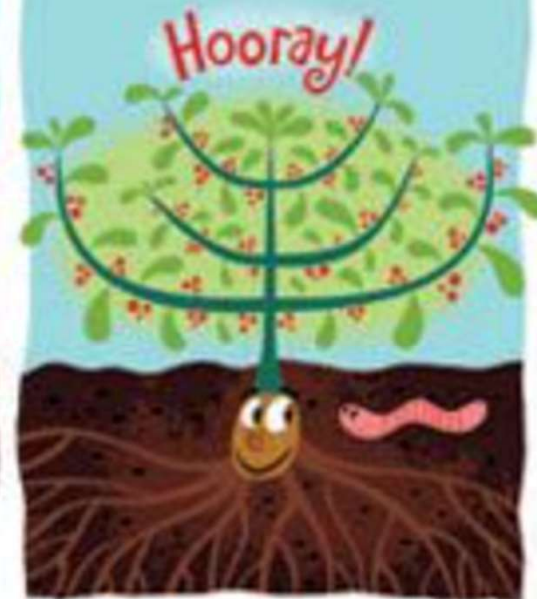
²² Hears but worries and deceitfulness of wealth choke the word.

Lack of Kingdom Perspective



²³ Hears and understands and produces a good crop.

A Fruitful Harvest!



We will confidently display the
character of Christ
as we intimately know Him,
understand and practice His promises,
and maintain a Kingdom perspective.