

THE SEED: GOD’S WORD

The Bible teaches that life begins at the seed and growth proceeds only after the seed is planted and germinated (Luke 8:5-15). The Bible also teaches that every seed will only bring forth after its own kind (Gen. 1:12). Therefore, when Jesus referred to God’s Word as being “the seed” (Luke 8:11), He was teaching that the Bible 1) is the only seed that can produce a Christian, and 2) if followed honestly, will only produce a Christian. No other book can produce a Christian and the Bible will not produce anything but a Christian. The logical conclusion then, for someone who desires to be a follower of Christ, is to simply study God’s Word and obey God’s plan to save.

Since the Bible only makes Christians only, from whence do denominations come? Denominations are produced by man-made seeds or creed books. The Bible does not produce Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. Man-made creed books are the seed which bring forth denominationalism. Consider the following table:

SEED	FRUIT
Baptist Manual/Baptist Faith and Message*	Baptist
Book of Discipline	Methodist
Book(s) of Confessions/Order	Presbyterian
Articles of Faith/ Book of Mormon	Mormon
Faith and Practice	Quaker
THE WORD OF GOD	CHRISTIAN

While men *join* “the church of their choice” daily, *God adds* those who are being saved to the only Church bought by the blood of Christ – The Church of Christ (Acts 2:47; Acts 20:28). If you desire to be added by God to His Church, simply plant the seed, God’s Word, in your heart and humbly obey. By obeying God’s plan to save, hear (Rom. 10:17), believe (Heb. 11:6), repent (Acts 2:38), confess (Rom. 10:9-10), and be baptized (1 Pet. 3:21), you can be a Christian.

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* Different types of Baptists have different creeds.