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How important is this message?

The lives of thousands of young people were affected by recent GCSE A level results. Imagine their feelings as they read what their grades were! BBC's World Affairs editor, John Simpson, relates his ecstatic reaction as a young man when he read the letter telling him his job application to the BBC had been accepted. Some messages are life changing!

During His life on earth, Jesus, God's Son, emphasized the vital importance of our response to His teaching - a reaction that will affect us not only during our time on earth but afterwards as well. Jesus compared people's reaction to what He taught with what happened to seed sowed by a farm labourer.

A person who hears the message but is not affected by it is like seed that falls on a path and is eaten by birds. Jesus says '*the wicked one (the devil - Satan) comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart*'.



Some receive the message gladly but they meet opposition and decide this is not for them - they no longer follow the Lord Jesus. They are like seed that is sown on shallow soil - it grows quickly but withers away - scorched by the sun.



Others are like seed that fell among thorns - the growth is stifled - there is no fruit. Jesus says the thorns are like cares, riches, or pleasures that sap some people's enthusiasm for God's Way.

Happily some seed fell on good soil and yielded a crop! These are those whose lives are transformed by their acceptance of what God says. They gain eternal life - the best life possible on earth now to be followed by eternity in heaven!

Jesus' illustration describes every one of us - a sobering thought. Every week we endeavour to pass on God's urgent message as it is recorded in the Bible. Please come and join us!



Sincerely,

George Rabey - Pastor

FIVE ASH DOWN CHAPEL

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year will be on Sunday 26th September and we hope you will be able to join with us on this occasion.



Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group
(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

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