



# Seed

## Thoughts

### 6. The *Seed* with a Name

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Are you ready for this?

The real you, is not  
who you thought.

The real you is the  
person God foreknew.

He knew you before and outside  
of time.

He formed and wrote down  
in the Lamb's book  
of life,

a full conception,  
a total statement,  
a fully developed

name

that would be YOU.



Then He formed you in the womb.

However, the bad seed and  
the old tree  
began to grow.

You might have a good life.  
Perhaps?  
But it's not the real you.

When you put the 'old' ways  
to death  
with Christ in baptism  
then the seed of the real you  
'in Christ'  
can stand up  
with new life.



You die with Him.

You come alive with Him.

He is the SEED.

This is the same as saying:

The seed dies but then comes alive  
so it can grow up, to maturity.

You NEED to come and die with Christ  
and live as part of Christ.

The cross was the death of Christ,  
but it also means the death of sin  
and of the 'old' you.

Now you can live a new  
way of life.

You can be transformed to be



He is the heavenly  
Body.

You have a place in Him.

Your life must now be lived as part  
of that body.

You're like a hand, a foot, an eye  
or an unseen, internal part  
that is just as important.

As a part of the  
Body of Christ, you find  
your true definition - full identity and  
full community.

Adam had the first phase  
of this  
but not the seed of eternal life.



Now by proper  
cultivating of your seed,  
the seed of you,  
by living in accountable  
identity,  
and committed relationship,  
you will build your  
heavenly body.

What's that? What are the  
faculties that will equip us for  
the kingdom of heaven?  
Giving, loving, serving  
forever.

These are the qualities we must store up,  
just like treasure.



Each of us is building a house  
that is from heaven and  
for heaven.

Does this sound unusual?  
Not really, for we are  
investing in  
the kingdom of heaven.

Each of us is preparing to put on  
the spiritual body.  
Everyone wonders about  
what they will be like  
after death.

You see, you're a real person  
that God planned.

But your outward form is perishing.



You're going to need a body  
for the resurrection.

This is called the 'spiritual body'.  
But it's nothing like an angel!

No wonder Jesus said  
you've got to bring forth  
fruit  
from the seed He has given you,  
or else ...  
the birds will pluck it away, or  
the stones will destroy it, or  
the thorns will choke it.

Remember the ground - the soil.  
This was Jesus' main message.



See how you are to be  
transformed!

The soil has to be fixed.

YOU! You are the ground.

You need to behold the GLORY of the Lord.

That's the way Paul, the apostle, explained it.

And when you see the identity  
(glory), that He planned for you,  
it acts like a mirror, a reflection  
of YOU.

When you see the light (glory)  
of His fellowship as three persons,  
you have a great desire  
to stand in identity  
and be transformed.



Salvation is about  
being changed - transformed.

Changed to BE,  
to 'be' who you are -  
who you should be, that is.

Salvation is an  
identity matter,  
not an issue of religion or belief,  
or even of 'spiritual' experiences.

True religion (truth) is to  
rejoin the IMAGE -  
to get back into the life of giving-love  
which is what God is.

This is why we submit to Him  
and call Him - LORD.



We have to be changed.

The twists, the warps, the dead spots,  
right in the heart of who we are.

Remember, God is  
a FATHER,  
not a force.

Fatherhood deals with bringing sons  
to their true selves,  
to their full potential,  
as seed.

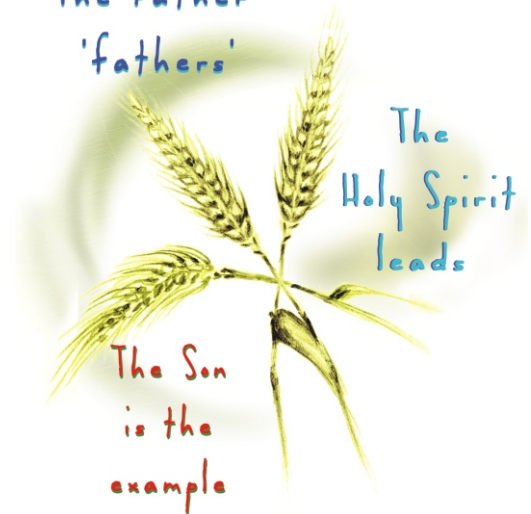
The SON of God teaches us sonship -  
obedience, submission,  
endurance in suffering.

And the HOLY SPIRIT teaches us,  
empowers us and transforms us.

The Father  
'fathers'

The  
Holy Spirit  
leads

The Son  
is the  
example



The name of God is LORD.

The Father is Lord,  
the Son is Lord and  
the Holy Spirit is Lord,  
because Lord (or 'Yahweh' in Hebrew)  
is a family name.

And He gives US  
a name  
as we call on  
the name of the LORD.

Salvation is to BE  
and become  
who we were  
NAMED to be.

He gives  
us  
a 'name'



The seed of God is Christ!

His life received as a seed  
recreates the seed of YOU and the seed of me.

Because of the cross (this is a mystery)

His life has been poured out  
and shared, as seed.

Because we're born of God

we can SEE the kingdom.

Now we must ENTER the kingdom.

Then seed grows.

I used to be

an isolated individual.

Now I'm joined by the cross  
to all those who are born, of God.

