

Living by the Book – Seed, Producing God’s Fruit

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Some Key Elements of the Passover Celebration...

- Echad – White Linen Bag
 - The word “echad” means _____.
 - The three pieces of matzah in the white bag can be a picture of _____.
 - The two outside pieces of Matzah represented _____.
 - The piece in the middle represented _____.

Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

- The Cups
 - The first cup was known as the cup of _____.
 - The second cup was the cup of _____.
 - The third cup was the cup of _____.
 - And the fourth cup was the cup of _____.

Matthew 26:27-28 “And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

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Matthew 26:29 “But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

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What is the significance of God calling His Word *seed*?

1. It brings about _____.

- Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”
- Ezekiel 18:20 “The person who sins will die.”
- Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.”
- Romans 10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; **10** for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”

2. _____ is a natural byproduct.

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

3. _____ is normal.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.