October 16, 2022 **“Expansion Of The Kingdom” I** Billy Burchfield

Mark 4:3-8

 3. "Listen *to this!* Behold, the sower went out to sow; 4as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and **the birds** **came** and ate it up.

 5. Other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. 6And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it **had no root**, **it withered away**.

 7. Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the **thorns came up** and **choked it**, and it **yielded no crop**.

 8. Other *seeds* fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

I. The seeds were sown

II. Some seeds were snatched away – Satan.

III. Some seeds ***took root*** and sprouted but never grew to maturity.

IV. Some seeds ***grew to maturity*** but never bore fruit.

V. They accomplished their purpose – Fruit.

**Question:** Why do we plant seeds? We expect a harvest.

 Why does God sow seeds? He expects a harvest.

**We are fruit** from the harvest of seeds ***sown by someone*.**

Inherent within the fruit are new seeds to be sown and fruit to be harvested.

***The expansion of the Kingdom is accomplished only one way.*** When the seeds are sown and fall on good ground – the beginning.

When the seeds grow to maturity – they are able to accomplish the design – purpose.

At maturity they bear fruit – the expansion of the Kingdom.

**What** are we doing with the seeds God gave us to sow?