

Mark 4:1-20

The Parable of the Sower

¹Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ²He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

⁹Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹⁰When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. ¹¹He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables ¹²so that,

"they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,
and ever hearing but never understanding;
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!" "

¹³Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

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Parable of the Soils!

After today's message you should be able to complete these notes and questions:

- The four types of Cultivated Soils and four types of Hearing Souls are:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

- The Sower (farmer) is:

- The Seed is:

- The Enemies of the first three Hearing-Souls:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- What does "*He who has ears to hear, let him hear,*" mean? And how do we do it?

Reference and recommended reading:

The Words and Works of Jesus Christ, by J. Dwight Pentecost, Zondervan Corporation, 1981.

Meet Yourself in the Parables, by W.W. Wiersbe, Victor, 1978.

The Bible Exposition Commentary Vol. I, W.W. Wiersbe, Cook, 1989.

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Thank you for visiting with us today! We encourage you to fill out this card and bring it to our **Welcome Center**. We have a free gift for you - our way of saying "We're glad you're here!" You will also find information about our many ministries, directions to class rooms and more.

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How did you learn of **Community Bible Church**?



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship
Thursday	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Next Sunday, June 6, is **Promotion Sunday**. All children who will enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2010 will move from the toddler/pre-school rooms to Promiseland (for all kids grades K-5).
- ◆ Do you have a **student graduate** (8th grade, high school, or college) this spring? We will honor our graduates in a future bulletin. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, place they are graduating from, and where they will be next fall. You can use the *Sign Up* flap on the bulletin or call or email the church office (374-6478 or cbc@communitybibleonline.org) to give us your information.
- ◆ A new Wednesday night **Ladies Bible study** will start this week. The group, led by Jolie Covaciu, will meet in room D (lower level) at 7 PM and will use Kay Arthur's book, **Lord, Give Me A Heart For You**. If you are interested in attending or you would like any additional information, please contact Jolie at 730-2707.
- ◆ Tickets are available in Promiseland for "**Summer Splash 10**" - Deep River Water Park Friday, July 9, 6:30-9:30 PM. (You may arrive at the park as early as 5 PM.) Tickets are \$7 and will not be sold at the door. This is a fun family night with Christian music playing throughout the park, co-hosted by CBC and ten other local churches.
- ◆ Bottles from the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** project are due today. If you did not return your bottle, please contact Shannon Rupp at 390-7317 to make other arrangements.
- ◆ Dave and Teresa Hasty invite you to a Graduation Party for Sarah, Saturday, June 19th from 3-7 PM at CBC. RSVP:219-374-6164.
- ◆ **Don't forget to feed the bin!** All proceeds from the Abitibi Recycling dumpster in the parking lot (the green and yellow bin in front of the parsonage) go to our Youth group. Help support them by throwing your recyclable paper in regularly.

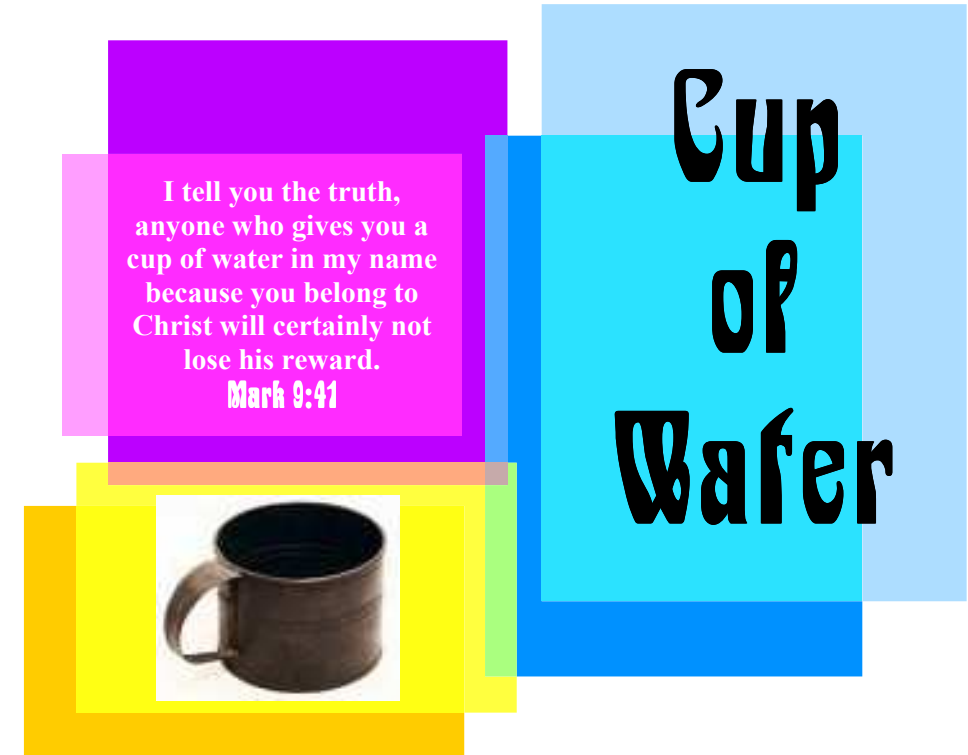
PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayer requests or praise reports for the **PRAYER CHAIN** may be given to Pam Robertson by phone, 736-5724, or by email, P_jean16@yahoo.com. If you would like to be included in the CBC email prayer chain, please contact the church office at 374-6478.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Missionary of the Week

Buc and Carmen Grey
Young Life



May 30, 2010

Today's Speaker
Harry Beamer



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