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Preface and Pastoral Purpose

This booklet is prepared to help ministers and leaders declare plainly the gospel of the new birth, to call people out of religious shells and into living relationship with Jesus Christ, and to equip the church to feed and nurture converts so they become heirs by the seed. The content is intentionally Apostolic Pentecostal in theology: the new birth,

water baptism in Jesus' name, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues are taught and practiced as the way God grows the seed into heirship.

Suggested Sermon Titles & Central Texts

- The Seed Is Not Heir With the Shuck: Born Again of the Water and Spirit Acts 2:38, Not Dressed Up
- From Kernel to Kingdom: The Seed Receives the Inheritance
- Roots, Husks, and Heirs: The New-Birth of Water and Spirit Identity
- Don't Put the Shuck in the Inheritance: Spiritual Identity vs. Outward Form
- Meat in Due Season: Feeding the Seed, Not the Shuck

Central texts:

- 1 Peter 1:23; John 3:3–8; 1 Corinthians 15:35–44; Galatians 3:29; Romans 8:16–17; Luke 12:42; Matthew 13; 1 Corinthians 3:1–4

Opening (Hook & Prayer)

Brothers and sisters, open your Bibles to 1 Peter 1:23

and to John 3. I want to begin with a simple question: when a farmer prepares seed for the field, what does he plant — the shuck or the kernel? (Pause for response.) We know the answer: he plants the kernel. If he buried the husks, nothing would grow. Today the Lord wants to speak to His people about what is planted in the earth of their hearts. Let's pray.

(Prayer: Asking the Holy Ghost to speak and give revelation of the truth of Acts 2:38).

Introduction: Setting the Scene

This message is titled, “The Seed Is Not Heir With the Shuck.” It’s a calling back to what Scripture plainly teaches: the inheritance of God comes by the seed — the new nature through the new birth of water and spirit — not by the shell. Too many in religious life put their confidence in titles, family lines, traditions, and outward rituals. They may look like the church; they may sing, attend, even lead — but the seed inside is missing or choked by the shuck.

Define terms (seed and shuck)

Listen to 1 Peter 1:23 — we are born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word

of God that liveth and abideth. That seed is the imperishable life of Christ. The shuck (the husk) is the outward shell — the clothes, the customs, the religion that can be empty. Seed = new birth, Christ-life, spiritual DNA. Shuck = the outward form, fleshly religion, inherited patterns.

Diagnosis: The Church's Condition

Look around — in many places the shuck has been polished until it shines. People are accustomed to a form of godliness, to family names, to programs. But Jesus said in Matthew 7:21–23 that many would call Him “Lord” yet be unknown by Him. Why? Because form without life will not carry the inheritance. Paul warned in 1 Corinthians 3:1–4: some are carnal, babes, still walking after the flesh. They may have the shell but not the seed.

Biblical Proof:

New Birth and Resurrection Mystery

John 3:3–8 nails it — you must be born again; the Spirit gives birth. 1 Corinthians 15:35–44 explains the mystery of the seed and the resurrection body: what is sown is not the body that shall be — God transforms the seed into the body of glory. You will

not inherit Christ's kingdom because of ancestry or outward approval; you inherit because the seed of God lives in you.

Apostolic Praxis: How God Feeds the Seed

The Apostolic pathway is simple and vital:

- Preach the gospel plainly — repentance and faith.
 - Baptize in the name of Jesus for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 10; Acts 19).
 - Lay hands and receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 2; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6), with the evidence of speaking in tongues as promised (Acts 2:4).
 - Pursue holiness — crucify the old man (Romans 6).
- As sanctification moves, the shuck falls away and the seed grows.

Illustration: Farmer's Kernel & Tarnished Crown

Imagine a farmer who keeps the husks and throws away the kernels — nothing grows. Or a tarnished crown, mistaken for junk until polished; sanctification polishes the seed and reveals the heir. Don't mistake the shell for royalty.

The Danger of Confusing Shuck with Seed

Religious performance will not save. Relying on names, family, or church traditions is dangerous. James reminds us that faith without works is dead, and Jesus warns that many who perform signs will not be recognized. The only valid currency is the new nature — the seed.

Practical Exhortations — Meat in Due Season

Leaders are stewards of meat in due season (Luke 12:42). That means:

- Preach the new birth plainly and invite people to receive it.
- Provide baptismal services and follow-up for new converts.
- Pray for Holy Ghost infilling and empower them to testify.
- Build discipleship groups that focus on holiness, confession, accountability.
- Train leaders to identify seed and to avoid flattering the shell.

Prophetic Word and Pastoral Encouragement

I sense the Spirit says: “I am separating kernel from

chaff. Many shells will be stripped away, but I will raise my true sons. Do not fear the shake; embrace transformation. Those who are the seed will be vindicated; the shell will fall and be burned.” This is a pastoral call to readiness — feed the seed in your pulpits, your homes, your lives.

Altar Call — Concrete Steps

If you are here and you have been wearing a shell while lacking the seed, come now. If you have never been born again — repent and receive Christ. If you are saved but not baptized in Jesus’ name, commit to water baptism. If you have not received the Holy Ghost, come for prayer with the expectation to speak in tongues and receive power. (Transition to ministry team — see altar script below).

Conclusion and Blessing

Church, the inheritance is reserved for those with the seed. Today, bury the shuck and plant the seed of God in your heart. Receive the new birth. Receive Jesus’ name in water. Receive the Holy Ghost. Walk in holiness. The Lord will make you an heir.

Short benediction and prayer for those responding.

Short Sermon (10–12 minute) & 5-point Pulpit Outline

- Point 1: The seed is the new nature (1 Peter 1:23; John 3).
- Point 2: The shuck is outward form and can deceive (Matthew 7; 1 Cor. 3).
- Point 3: Heirship comes by seed, not shell (Galatians 3:29; Romans 8).
- Point 4: Apostolic practices cultivate the seed — repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, Holy Ghost (Acts).
- Point 5: Ministry responsibility — give meat in due season; call to response (Luke 12:42).

Parables, Tales, and Illustrative Stories

Use these as full illustrations in the sermon or as devotional inserts.

Farmer's Kernel

A farmer once had a bumper crop but was distracted. He kept the leftover husks because they were warm and comfortable, and in a confused haste, he discarded the kernels. The next season, the field lay barren. The lesson: preserve the seed. God does not value shells.

The King's Son in Beggar's Rags

A prince lost his way and was disguised as a beggar. He sat among the poor, but his birthmark and a hidden ring identified him as royalty. Many passed him by because they judged by clothing. So it is spiritually: God identifies His heirs by the seed — the mark of Christ — even when the shuck covers them.

Pearl in the Oyster

A fisherman tossed aside the shells but treasured the pearl. The pearl is costly, hidden in a shell. The inner pearl — the new nature — must be sought and guarded. The shell served a purpose but was not the treasure.

Hasidic-Style Tale (parable of the spark)

A rebbe walked through the marketplace and saw a cracked pot. Inside, a small ember glowed. The rabbi said, “Though cracked, the pot held what gives warmth.” Likewise, the soul may be cracked by trials; yet the seed is the ember of God’s life — tender, precious, resilient.

Tarnished Crown

A lower-class man found a crown under rubble. It

was tarnished and caked with soil. When polished, it shone as a royal diadem. So the work of sanctification polishes God’s heirs.

Testimony Vignette

(Use an anonymized or composite testimony familiar to your congregation — woman raised religiously but not saved until water baptism and Holy Ghost; life transformed; shuck fell away.)

Prophetic Exhortation and Declarations

Suggested prophetic declarations to use corporately or individually:

- “By the Spirit of the Lord, you are the seed; receive the inheritance!”
- “Let the shells fall; let the seed rise in power!”
- “A harvest of true sons is coming — prepare to walk in your authority.”

Use these to call people forward for ministry or to charge leaders to feed the flock.

Liturgy and Service Flow:

“Meat in Due Season” (60–90 minute service)

- Opening worship (10–12 minutes) — songs that testify to the new birth and Holy Spirit.
- Testimony (3–5 minutes) — short conversion story.
- Scripture reading & prayer (1 Peter 1; John 3).
- Sermon (20–30 minutes).
- Response time (10–15 minutes) — soft worship, invitation to altar.
- Altar ministry (20–30 minutes) — prayer teams for water baptism decisions, washing feet/prayer, laying on of hands for Holy Ghost.
- Follow-up announcements (5 minutes) — upcoming Baptism class, “Seed Care” sign-ups.

Altar Call Script and Ministry Guide (Water Baptism; Holy Ghost)

Altar script for the preacher:

- “If you are here and you do not have the seed — you are not born again — come now. We will pray with you to receive Jesus.”
- For those saved but not baptized in Jesus’ name: “If you have never been baptized in the name of Jesus for remission of sins, step forward so we can prepare for water baptism.”
- For those needing the Holy Ghost: “If you have never received the Holy Ghost or you need a fresh infilling, come and receive. Expect to speak with

other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.”

Ministry team instructions:

- Two-person teams: one to pray, one to encourage speaking in tongues. Ask focused questions: “Have you accepted Jesus as Lord? Have you been baptized in Jesus’ name? Do you have the Holy Ghost?”
- For Holy Ghost seekers: pray simply, “Father, fill with the Holy Spirit,” and encourage the person to begin praising and take one deep breath; expect and encourage utterance. If tongues come, rejoice and instruct (pray about sanctification and follow-up).
- For water baptism: schedule baptismal service, give instruction on repentance, and ensure someone explains how to be baptized in Jesus’ name.

Discipleship Series:

“Seed Care” — 6-week Curriculum

Purpose: to nurture new converts so the seed grows into mature heirship.

Week 1: Born Again — Understanding the Seed

- Scripture: John 3, 1 Peter 1:23
- Topics: repentance, new birth, assurance
- Activity: testimony-sharing and personal salvation

journal

Week 2: Baptized in Jesus' Name

- Scripture: Acts 2:38; Romans 6
- Topics: meaning of baptism; practice; scheduling baptism
- Activity: baptism testimonies; prepare candidates

Week 3: The Holy Ghost — Promise and Power

- Scripture: Acts 2; Acts 10; Acts 19
- Topics: evidence of tongues; gifts; power for witness
- Activity: group prayer for infilling; witness practice

Week 4: Holiness and Sanctification

- Scripture: Romans 6–8; 1 Thessalonians 4
- Topics: putting off the old man; righteousness in daily life
- Activity: accountability partners assigned; confession/practical steps

Week 5: Walking as an Heir — Identity and Authority

- Scripture: Galatians 3:29; Romans 8:16–17
- Topics: sonship, praying boldly, using authority in Christ

- Activity: role-play praying for needs, deliverance ministry basics

Week 6: Bearing Fruit — Ministry and Multiplication

- Scripture: Matthew 13; John 15
- Topics: evangelism, mentoring others, serving in the church
- Activity: outreach planning and sign-ups; follow-up commitments

Follow-up: assign a sponsor for each new convert for 3 months.

Small-Group Leader's Notes and Discussion Questions

Leader briefing:

- Create safe, confidential environment.
- Open with prayer and a short scripture reading.
- Encourage honest sharing about where members see shuck vs seed in their lives.

Group questions:

- Where do you find yourself relying on shell (tradition, title, family) rather than seed?

- How did you discover the seed in your life? If not yet, what's stopping you?
- What habits or sins are acting as a shuck around your heart?
- Which of the "Seed Care" practices do you need most right now?

Suggested homework:

- Keep a one-week spiritual journal: record daily prayer, Scripture reading, temptations, and victories.
- Meet with accountability partner once per week.
- Memorize 1 Peter 1:23 and John 3:3.

Appendices

A. Scripture references (list for printing)

- John 3:3–8
- 1 Peter 1:23
- 1 Corinthians 15:35–44
- Galatians 3:29
- Romans 8:16–17
- Luke 12:42
- Matthew 13
- 1 Corinthians 3:1–4
- Acts 2; Acts 8:14–17; Acts 10:44–48; Acts 19:1–6
- James 2; Matthew 7:21–23

- Romans 6–8

B. Suggested worship songs / hymn list

- “There’s Power in the Blood”
- “Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”
- “I’m Running to the Kingdom”
- “Baptized in Jesus’ Name” (congregational hymn)

(Use local and approved worship resources.)

C. Printable handouts

- “How to Know You Are Born Again” (bullet points)
- “What to Expect After the Holy Ghost” (practical tips)
- “Seed Care Commitment Form” (discipleship sign-up)

D. Rebbe / Hasidic Insight (brief comparative reflection)

In Jewish Hasidic imagery there is a value placed on the inner spark (nitzotz) covered by the outer shell (kelipah). The spiritual work is to remove or transform the outer so that the divine spark may shine (tikkun). This is a helpful parallel: Christian sanctification peels away what conceals God’s life so the seed of Christ can manifest fruit. Use this as a cross-cultural reflection to enrich appreciation for

inner transformation.

E. Sample sermon closing prayers and declarations

- Prayer for new birth: “Father, we thank You for Your saving work. We pray for those who need new birth—come by Your Spirit and make them new.”
- Prayer for baptism: “Lord Jesus, empower us to obey; let the waters be a place of new beginnings.”
- Declaration: “By the seed of God, we rise. The shuck shall fall. We shall walk in the inheritance of the sons of God.”

Final Pastoral Notes

Use this booklet as a practical toolkit. Preach with boldness and compassion. Provide thorough follow-up. The goal is not merely to move people at an altar but to plant and water the seed that will produce a lasting harvest. Remember: the church’s stewardship is to give meat in due season. Feed the seed.

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