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Brenda Carol Clopton

April 28, 1945 - January 20, 2022



Funeral Service

11am - January 28, 2022

Prelude Music - Doris Jean Holleran

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Welcome & Remarks - Norm Brock

“Blessed Assurance”

Remarks & Prayer - Dewayne Gibson

“It Is Well”

Message & Prayer - Jonathan Carl

“When We All Get to Heaven”

Postlude Music - Doris Jean Holleran

Interment at South Fork Cemetery

Brenda = “A Sower”

Mark 1:17 “And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’” (ESV)

Matthew 13:1–9

A sower went out to sow....

What category of “soil” best describes your response to the good news about Jesus?

(Matthew 13:19-23 ESV)

- **First Soil = “The Path”** [19] When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.
- **Second Soil = “Rocky Ground”** [20] As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, [21] yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.
- **Third Soil = “Thorny Ground”** [22] As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Only the fourth (“good”) soil below describes a genuine Christian.

Fourth Soil = “Good Soil” [23] As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Is this you? Are you a follower of Jesus?
Do you see the fruit of God’s Holy Spirit
working in and through you?

The “fruit of the Spirit” evidences God’s saving work and eternity with Christ. (Galatians 5:22-24)

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. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Do You See These Three Characteristics in Your Life?

1. *Obedience to God's Commands?*
 2. *Forgiveness?*
 3. *Love?*
- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. (1Jn 5:13)

What then is Brenda? What then are you?

1 Corinthians 3:5–9 “What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. [6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. [8] He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. [9] For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.” (ESV)

Where then is Brenda? Where then will you be?

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)