

MUCH ADO ABOUT MULCH

SCRIPTURE:

...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life (John 4: 14).

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) bags of mulch
- (1) area of plants

MAIN MESSAGE:

We need to block out the sin in our lives and hold close to our hearts and minds the hope of eternal salvation that we have been given through Christ. We must not let this living water that Christ has given us escape from our clutches.

SONG: "To Christ Be True"

LESSON:

When I have had nice garden areas or flower areas, I've always used cedar mulch or pine mulch on top. I guess until recently, I never understood why I needed to do that. Personally, I thought that it was just to make it look pretty. There is much more to mulch than that though.

One of the purposes of mulch is to block out the sun. Why would we want to block out the sun in this case? Well, if any weeds are down there keeping out the sun will prevent them from growing. The other purpose of mulch is to make sure the ground keeps in moisture. This is especially handy so that plants that are in that area won't dry up and die.

We also need to have mulch in our lives. We need something that will keep the weeds from growing and will keep in the moisture. In our case, the weeds would be sin. We need to keep the weeds from growing by shutting them off before they can even get going. We also need to keep that water that Jesus mentions in John 4:14 safe. The water in this case is our salvation.

What is our mulch as Christians? The answer my friends is prayer and bible study. Each will help us to keep the sin weeds from growing and help us maintain that water that is our eternal salvation. We need to mulch our lives not to make them look prettier but with a purpose of living like God wants us to and protecting what He has given us.

PRAYER: Forgive us when we fall short and let us not take lightly the living water you have given us. May we always protect it and hold it near so that we may be in heaven with you some day.