

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

If you tell a blind man there are stars in the sky, he can choose to believe it or not. Even if he chooses not to believe it, it does not change the fact that there are stars in the sky.

We are told to share Jesus with others. Whether people choose to believe in Him or not does not change the fact that Jesus does exist, and that He died for the sins of the world, and rose on the third day, and sits at the right hand of the Father.

Yet we tend to think that if we tell others about Jesus and they don't believe us that we have failed or maybe did it wrong. But that's not what the bible teaches, just like we read in today's devotional verses.

† ***I planted, Apollos watered. Neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters***

But Paul didn't say that he planted seed the wrong way in someone's heart or that Apollos watered those seeds wrong. No, He gives us the answer of who will cause the fruit to grow, no matter how we share Jesus with others.

† ***God gave the increase and God who gives the increase.***

Think about it, if salvation was based upon how well you planted the seed into someone's heart, or how well you watered those seeds that were planted by others, then you could take glory those who choose to believe. But only God will get the glory when He gives the increase.

So tell others about Jesus, plant those seeds or water the seeds others have planted, but trust that God will do the work with what you have done, and He will receive the glory. But you will also be rewarded for simply planting or watering, regardless if they believe or not.

† ***Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.***