

Mike Cooney is a dear brother and gifted writer. The following notes reflect his thought process as he listened to the message entitled below. These are Mike's "notes", but reads like poetry. We truly appreciate Mike's gift to listen to a preacher and in real time translate the message into a pithy message which is delightful and pointed. Enjoy!

No Death, No Fruit!

John 12:24-26; Romans 6:1-19

Well done meat-- rare to the world (A reference to a comment on the "meat of the Word".)
Jesus speaking to those who were seeking,
To those who'd cried out, "God save the king!"
Blessed is Israel's King-- sound still ringing,
The priests sure heard-- and it was echoing.

Death had entered into their minds
And God had made their sight as blind!
But this the plan that the Son now refined
His Mind-- the Mind of God, To death was resigned!

But...His knowing how the Garden had worked
That One--The One who never had shirked
His death was required, for us quite a perk
The mourning He rose from, His love to assert!

This glorious seed, God's workmanship shown;
His fruit, as His image becomes known
Coming forth from the grave, that see was sown.
But man: self-serving into this cycle was thrown.

At this point, all men seem opposed.
But His Spirit to some men proposes;
Their survival instinct then wrongly supposes
That sovereign God is wrong as He composes.

Give it up! That is man's decision;
To live for God-- the plan's precision.
Rely on Him-- to gain eternal vision!
So, which is it? How are you wishin'?

The day of Life-- the Resurrection,
While the mind of man is on insurrection,
To live for "Me" (Jesus Christ)-- is this my confession?
I want to dig each day-- I make this my profession!

For God-- The Father who accepts this prodigal.
The far country looked so good-- but then the Fall.
The Father's Name and Love had given All!
Needs unmet then-- Give rise, His Name to Call!

Now...Death where is your victory;
Where is your sting?
Because now it's His Story,
And His Uprising!