

# What Kind of Fruit Do You Bear Each Day

Colossians 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> **For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you** (your advancement in your spiritual journey) **and to ask** (7 petitions)

1<sup>st</sup> petition **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,**

<sup>10</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> petition

**SO THAT** (not occur in Greek manuscript) **you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,**

3<sup>rd</sup> petition

**to please Him in all respects,**

Next we come to the 4th and 5th petition of prayer:

4<sup>th</sup> petition **bearing fruit in every good work;**

5<sup>th</sup> petition **and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

We have had these two verbs in verse 6.

**“bearing fruit”** and **“increasing”**

bearing fruit in every good work

Here is the result and goal of being filled with the Knowledge of His will.

These verses are so interdependent and states the results:

<sup>9</sup> **For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.**

<sup>10</sup> **so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

I hope you see the process:

--1st                                   He prays and his prayer is  
that they be filled with the Knowledge of His will.

Where does this  
knowledge of the will of God  
come from?

In Spiritual Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding  
from Word of God.

Now why are we to be filled  
with the Knowledge of His will?

So that you walk the life worthy of the Lord, to  
please Him in all respects.

Now here should be the goal of every believer:  
**bearing fruit in every good work**

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> petition in this prayer. **bearing fruit in every good work**

The physical analogy is simple  
but the understanding is difficult  
and its “doing” is impossible without the HOLY SPIRIT.

We could spend hours on this one phrase:  
**bearing fruit in every good work.**

### **Question:**

Why does God leave us here on earth  
after we are saved by Faith in JESUS CHRIST?

- 1 We are saved and left here on earth to bear fruit:  
Colossians 1:9

<sup>9</sup> **For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you** (your advancement in your spiritual journey) **and to ask** (7 petitions)  
1st **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,**

## Romans 7:4-5

<sup>4</sup> **Therefore my brethren,** (speaking to believers in JESUS CHRIST as Savior) **You also were made to die to the law-**(the law kills) **through the body of Christ,** (to which we are united at the point of faith in JESUS CHRIST as Savior) **so that you might be joined to another, to Him** (JESUS CHRIST) **who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.**

So we are joined together with JESUS CHRIST, abiding in Him **so that or for the purpose that** we might (*maybe you will bear fruit; maybe you won't,*) Some believers do bear fruit for God but most do not. Now in verse 5 Paul gives us the other type of fruit we may bear fruit for God.

<sup>5</sup> **For while we were in the flesh,** (this is when we were unbelievers) **the the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death**

So there are two types of Fruit:  
**Fruit for God, or Fruit for death**

**Which are you producing in our life?**

Is your Faith the Faith God is looking for?  
Is your Love the Love God is looking for?  
Is your Fruit the Fruit God is looking for?

## **Bearing fruit in every good work**

*I don't know if you are aware of it  
but each one of you is bearing fruit everyday of your life.  
You are either bearing fruit for yourselves or for God*

The most insightful chapter in the bible on bearing good fruit is in a dissertation by JESUS CHRIST in the Gospel of John 15, where Fruit is mentioned 8 times in 16 verses and another very important word to our study of the Judgment Seat of Christ is '**abide**' which occurs 15 times in just 10 verses.

Let's just read through this passage  
and gather some important information on bearing good fruit.

John 15: 1 "I (JESUS CHRIST) **am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.** The fact that He is the **true vine** warns us that there are multitude of **false vines** throughout the Church Age.

JESUS CHRIST is declared to be true in six major areas of life.

He is	<b>true vine</b>	Gospel of John 15:1
He is	<b>true light</b>	Gospel of John 1:9
He is	<b>true bread</b>	Gospel of John 6:32
He is	<b>true food and drink</b>	Gospel of John 6:55
He is	<b>true God</b>	1 John 5:20
He is	<b>true witness</b>	Revelation 3:14

**“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.**

There are any number of reasons why a branch does not bear fruit; but the primary one that is at issue in our study is that the branch is not receiving nutrients, the power to produce fruit, that is **“Filled with the Holy Spirit”**

Getting right to it

**Vine** = JESUS CHRIST

**Branch** = Believers in JESUS CHRIST

**Fruit** = Fruit of HOLY SPIRIT

*Therefore, if the branch is not bearing fruit it is because the branch is not getting the nutrients from the vine;*

**That is, the believer is not being Filled with the Holy Spirit.**

What does it mean to **take away**?

**First**

*Again, many people (Calvinist) take phrases like this to try to prove that a believer can lose his salvation. Because they take the expression: take away and cast them into the fire in verse 6 to refer to eternal destruction.*

*It is amazing how many people try so hard to make it difficult to be saved, and so many try so hard to take away Salvation from those who have been saved. They are too immoral, or they do not produce enough, or they do not grow, etc. They do not line up with my list of what ought to characterize a saved person.*

**Instead of looking into all that God has done to Save and to remain Faithful to those He saved (Isaiah 53)**

**He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.**

**He prunes it,**

**He** (the vinedresser God)

**it** (the believer who strives to walk in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT.)

**Prunes pure, clean, to cleanse from filth, purify;**

*This may sound a little awkward; unless you have been around plants; and from them we learn something about walking in the HOLY SPIRIT. No matter how well (the plant) the vine is producing, there are always dangers, and enemies—pests; diseases, weather, etc.*

Plants that are productive, need daily care

**Believers who walk in the power of the Holy Spirit** (the HOLY SPIRIT pours through His fruit) **need moment by moment care.**

There are multitude of enemies:  
**The World—The Flesh—The Devil**  
and BELIEVERS NEED CONSTANT CARE

3 **“You are already clean** (already saved) **because of the word** (gospel) **which I have spoken to you.**

The issue in verse 4 is fruit bearing, not salvation.

4 **“Abide in Me,** (The issue is: “HOW do we abide in Him?). To abide will come up some 15 times in just 10 verses; and as we will see in Colossians this is vital at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Did you abide in Christ? ...Not how much you did, ...Not how much you sang, ...Not how often you went to church, ...Not how many people you witnessed to.

**...DID YOU DO THESE THINGS ABIDING IN CHRIST? and I in you.** (by the presence of the Holy Spirit). **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.**

There is nothing we can do to maintain our Salvation... our position in Christ. But we can lose our abiding in Christ. And we lose abiding in Christ “when we refuse to Walk by Faith in the Holy Spirit.”

5 **“I am the vine, you** (believers) **are the branches; he who abides in Me** (this is a volitional decision we make throughout the day.) **and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.**



From Colossians 1:10

**bearing fruit in every good work** (This verse in the Gospel of John 15 now tells us what is necessary to bear fruit— ***we must abide in Christ.***

So again it is essential that every believer knows how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit for that is how we abide in Him. We abide in Christ, not by something we do, but by simply trusting in His Spirit. **I (JESUS CHRIST) am the vine, you (Believers) are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he (this one) bears much fruit, apart from Me you can do nothing** (no matter how much work you do, you bear no fruit for God apart from abiding in JESUS CHRIST.)

**6 “If anyone does not abide in Me, (refuses to be in the HOLY SPIRIT by Faith) he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.**

Verse 6 is another one of those verses used to prove loss of Salvation.

This verse is used by those who seek to teach the unfaithfulness of God and Loss of Salvation. Others claim this refers to a different group than those talked about in the last 3 verses...

Paul Refers to believers in verses 3, 4 and 5,

**But in verse 6 Paul references unbelievers**

and they make this inappropriate claim, because they do not understand this verse.

**If** (In the Greek 3<sup>rd</sup> class condition... maybe so, maybe not)

**anyone** (believers –any believer.)

**Does not abide in me** Aorist Active Subjective of the same word has been used 3 time already. And Aorist Subjective lets us know this is a choice made by every believer. To be in fellowship with JESUS CHRIST by means of being in the Holy Spirit.

**Abide** –as before—fellowship with JESUS CHRIST by the Filling of the HOLY SPIRIT .

This is understood as noting **continuation: *to exist, remain, last, persist, continue to live.***

Of the relation in which one person or thing stands with another, chiefly in John's writings; thus to remain in or with someone, (i.e., to be and remain united with him, one with him in heart, mind, and will,) that is the believer remaining... abiding in JESUS CHRIST.

Throughout our lives, day and night, we are to remain in the Power and Leading of the Holy Spirit, who will in turn causes us to remain in JESUS CHRIST.

### **Pattern:**

We are brought to God the Father by Faith n JESUS CHRIST.

We are now brought to JESUS CHRIST by Faith in the HOLY SPIRIT.

So we are to remain in Christ... we are to live in Christ..., (which means we are to live in the third member of the Godhead) to abide  
in the person of JESUS CHRIST.

**If anyone** (of these branches, any believer) **is not in fellowship in me,**  
(that is out of the Filling of the Holy Spirit)

**he is cast forth** Aorist Passive Indicative of **ballo** to cast, to throw.  
**forth** an adverb – forth, out, as opposed to within.

Remember the context:

JESUS CHRIST is speaking of our life as a Christian and bearing fruit.  
The **casting forth** is parallel to a **salt losing it's savor.**

This believer is not condemned due to sins,  
**and dries up.**

Aorist Passive Indicative a perfect picture of the useless life of a  
Christian who refuses to walk in power of the Holy Spirit. Passive  
voice means that when the believer does not walk in the Holy  
Spirit—he receives being dried up, no matter how busy he/she is in  
their lives.

Why is this so?

Remember that the **Holy Spirit gives life, and if the believer does  
not walk in the Holy Spirit, the believer has no life and soon dries  
up as a Christian impact in the world, during his life.**

**And they gather them and cast them into (the) fire and they are burned**

Ok, first note the change to the **plural they gather them and cast them  
into (the) fire and they burn**

Now he will be gathered;  
he will be cast into the fire; and he will burn.

What is being talked about here in the plural?

This refers to that which comes from these branches:

## **Dead Works—Wood, Hay, Stubble**

Instead of fruit... instead of production of the Holy Spirit... they have the production of the flesh.

1 Corinthians 3:12

- <sup>12</sup> **Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**
- <sup>13</sup> **each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.**
- <sup>14</sup> **If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.**
- <sup>15</sup> **If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**  
—burned...(same word used in the Gospel of John.)

So here in the Gospel of John 15, it is not the loss of Salvation; it is not the burning of believers:

## **What is your view of God?**

### **Even if (the) believer fails – God remains faithful Romans 3:**

It amazes me how some believe that you do not lose your Salvation due to sin, for they know that Christ died for them, and paid for them, **but believe that you can lose your Salvation for not producing; for not walking in the power of the Holy Spirit as a believer for not living the Spirit Filled Life.**

**There is no loss of Salvation, just loss of rewards...**

Mark 9:41; 1 Corinthians 3:14; 1 Corinthians 9:17; Hebrews 10:35;

One other issue:

**they shall gather them and they shall cast them into** the fire and they are burned.

Who are the “they” doing the gathering and the casting?

From John 15:, these are the angels of the Lord.

- 7 **“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** (Abiding in Christ is the only way we can produce fruit in good works and it is the way our prayers are answered.)
- 8 **“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.** (This is theologically beautiful—it shows the relationship of JESUS CHRIST and God the Father and it shows why we should desire to bear fruit in good works.)
- 9 **“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My Love.**

ISSUE:

How do we abide in His Love?

Love, **Spiritual Love**, is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

So we abide in His love by abiding in the Holy Spirit by Faith.

10 **“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love;** (we have studied the two commandments from 1 John, which are Faith and Love)

**Love just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.**

11 **“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.** (JESUS CHRIST desires that every believer have INNER HAPPINESS!)

12 **“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

13 **“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**

14 **“You are My friends if you do what I command you,** by Faith in the Holy Spirit and Love toward One Another.

15 **“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.** (I hope that everyone of you are looking forward to seeing a friend in heaven—that is seeing JESUS CHRIST.)

16 **“You did not choose Me but I chose you; and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain; so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.**

17 **“This I command you, that you love one another.**

Colossians 1:10

<sup>10</sup> **to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work.**

### **What are good works?**

- .1. Good works includes everything a Christian does...in the Filling of the Holy Spirit. This is one of the most difficult things for many to understand.
- .2. It is not just the doing of things, it is not just the being moral, or giving to the church or church attendance or singing for the Lord or being nice to others, etc.
- .3. The issue before God is, in whose power did you do these things.
- .4. Dead works includes everything we do in the power of the flesh. Good works includes everything we do in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- .5. And this is going to be the issue when you stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. Not what you did, but in whose power you did it.

“Works” is theologically distinguished from sins.  
There are basically two categories of “works”.  
Divine Good... and Human Good...

# Human Good

1 Human good is identified by the phrase 'dead works' in Hebrews 6:1

<sup>10</sup> **Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,** (Repentance from dead works, means dead works have no credit with God. The reason they are 'dead' is because they come from the flesh nature not from our Spiritual nature, which is made alive by the Holy Spirit. They are dead to God and they are dead to His Plan.)

2 **Dead Works** will not save anyone.

Titus 3:5

<sup>5</sup> **He (God) saved us,** (from eternal lake of fire to eternal life with Him) **not on the basis of deeds** (synonymous with works) **which we have done in righteousness,** (wow, not even works-deeds done in HS will save us eternally, so then how are we saved) **but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,** (by the second birth by faith in JESUS CHRIST and only by Faith in JESUS CHRIST.)

Ephesians 2:8

<sup>8</sup> **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;**

<sup>9</sup> **not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.** (Works here, is synonymous with deeds—these are all fruit bearing... good fruit, dead fruit or divine fruit—divine good.)



We are not saved even by deeds in righteousness, we are not saved by any works we do...we are saved by grace through Faith in JESUS CHRIST.)

3 Human Good is never acceptable to God or by God.

Again this is one that is so difficult for so many people to understand... that a person who lives a wonderful moral life, helping others is no more acceptable to God than an out-right overt immoral sinner. Both are done in the flesh and anything in the flesh is unacceptable to God.

Isaiah 64:6

<sup>6</sup> For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; (menstrual cloth) And all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (from God)

While we certainly are impressed with a neighbor who is good, and moral, God is not. Coming to this realization is one of the Biblical truths that led Martin Luther in his break from the Roman Catholic Church and the beginning of the Reformation.

Romans 14:23

<sup>23</sup> But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

- 4 Human Good is Condemned or Judged by God.  
Not only is human good, not acceptable to God it is judged by God.
- a. Unbelievers:  
This judgment takes place at the second resurrection or at the Great White Throne Judgment.  
Revelation 20:11-15 and Ecclesiastes 12:14  
Sins of every unbeliever are never judged at Great White Throne Judgment. JESUS CHRIST bore the judgment for those sins on the cross. The unbeliever is at the Great White Throne Judgment because he/she has refused to believe in JESUS CHRIST. God is fair, he places the good works of the unbeliever in contrast with the work of JESUS CHRIST on the cross.
- b. Believers:  
After the Rapture at the Judgment Seat of Christ. As a believer in JESUS CHRIST you are ready for the Rapture, but...are you ready for the next event? That is, are you ready for the Judgment Seat of Christ? Here JESUS CHRIST rewards for divine good (all those deeds done in the power of the Holy Spirit) and destroys all human good—all good works done in the flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Colossians 1:10

<sup>10</sup> that you will walk (live) in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him (not self or others) in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work

As you live each day you are bearing fruit,  
you are doing some kind of deeds—by your words or actions.

What kind of fruit are you bearing?

Divine good or human good?

It is up to you!

And remember, it is not a decision about doing something good,  
it is about your decision to be  
in the power and leading of the Holy Spirit or in the flesh.

**Do you desire to please God?**

*You have to make up your mind:*

**Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?**

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:  
to God the Father;  
and to you?**

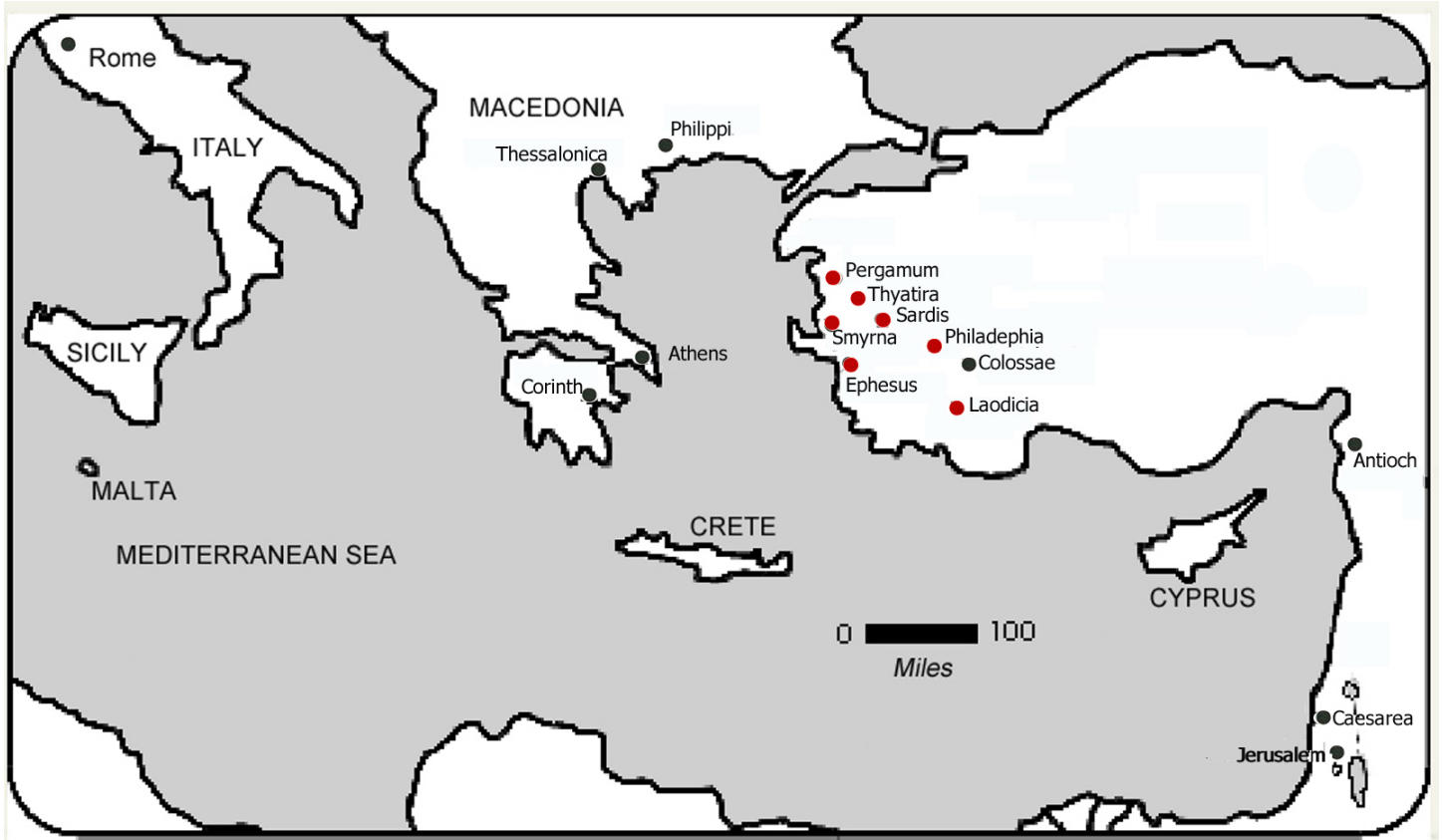
# **Is the Word of God sufficient for you?**

**Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?**

**Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?**

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last. "**