

FRUIT UNTO GOD

THE PRODUCT OF CHRIST IN US

*"Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world;
and bringeth forth fruit..."*

~ Colossians 1:6

1. The Effectual Word

- a. *Last week*: reading (familiarity), understanding (meaning), application (work in you)
- b. Without application your understanding is unfruitful – 1 Cor 10:23, 13:2, 14:12,14
- c. The word of God planted in you should have an effect – 1 Thess 2:13
- d. The result is bearing fruit unto God – Col 1:6-10, Rom 6:17,22, 7:4, Phi 1:10-11

2. The Fruit of God

- a. Fruit of the Spirit is not a list of commandments, they are the result.
- b. This is the goods, the berries, the goal, profit, benefit, blessing, *raison d'être*
- c. This is the result of God's grace working in you - Gal 5:22-23, Eph 5:9
- d. The power of Christ resting upon you – 2 Cor 12:9, 1:3-6, Col 1:11, 2:2
- e. Hope in tribulation, faith without work, love amid sin, strength in weakness, confidence in fear, joy in an evil world, light in darkness – 2 Cor 4:7-16

3. Being Fruitful

- a. You must have Christ in you - Phil 1:11
- b. Mind spiritual things - Rom 8:6, Phil 4:8
- c. Get understanding (for this purpose!) - Phi 4:9, 2 Tim 3:10-14
- d. Acknowledge every good thing which is in you - Philemon 6
- e. Be filled with the Spirit will cause abundant fruit of the Spirit - Eph 5:18+
- f. Tools to help cultivate fruit – prayer, praise, people (fellowship – Phi 2:1)
- g. This all comes from Spirit strength in the inner man – Eph 3:16, 20
- h. Have the Spirit + Spirit led (by his word/will) + walk in the Spirit = fruit of the Spirit

4. The Fulness of God

- a. Abundant fruit of the Spirit is what it means to be full – Rom 15:13-14
- b. The fulness of God in you by knowing the love of Christ – Eph 3:19, 2Co 5:14, Ro 5:8
- c. Our abounding comes from Christ (the fulness of the Godhead) and his abundant grace - Col 2:7, Phi 4:17, 1 Th 3:12, 4:1, 2 Thess 1:3, 1 Tim 1:14, Titus 3:6