



# THE FRUIT of BEING ALIVE IN CHRIST

## DIGGING DEEPER:

*Colossians 1:1-14*

Pastor Reg talked about Gospel fruit and personal fruit. Take some time to discuss the concept of fruit (Matthew 7:16-20; John 15 for a couple of examples in scripture). Then talk about the difference between Gospel fruit and personal fruit. This would be a great time to discuss what we mean by the gospel. Listen to the beginning of the sermon "Gospel Reenactment" from three weeks ago.

Paul gives thanks for their Faith – Love – Hope. What specifically did they have faith in, love in, and have hope in? Read verse 9-14. Talk about the difference between "wisdom/understanding" and "living a life".

What does it take to not only understand, but to "live a life"?

Reg challenged us to grow in three areas...take a few moments and have each child rate themselves (1-10) in each area below (and to consider ways they might improve):

1. Knowledge
2. Service
3. Character

End by praying for each child in each of these three areas.

## ACTIVITY:

### Walk In a Manner Worthy of Your Calling

*Read Colossians 1:9-12*

**Jesus showed his followers how to truly "walk the talk" of Christianity by joining together with him.**

*Read 1 John 2:6 ~ Talk about how Jesus walked.*

After your discussion gather the following items: vinegar, powdered milk, baking soda, oil, and water. Start by showing your kids the vinegar on it's own. **This vinegar will represent Jesus' teachings.**

Next, show kids how each substance reacts with the vinegar, and explain the reactions in order:

**Powdered Milk:** Some people curdle like this powdered milk. They complain about how hard it is to follow God and they never grow.

**Baking Soda:** Some Christians have lots of fizz when they first hear Jesus' words, but very little follow-through.

**Oil:** Some people never learn how to mix Jesus' words into their lives.

**Water:** But what do you notice about the vinegar mixed with this pure water? Does it look like water or vinegar? (Let the kids smell the solution.) Does it smell like water or vinegar?