

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Commanded to be Fruitful December 12, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

Genesis 1.27-28 NIV

²⁷ So **God created mankind in his own image**, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ **God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase** in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

- God's people were to reproduce what God was pouring into them – life as God would have it.
- God wants a people who will fill the earth bringing heaven into the earth.

Genesis 9.1 NIV

Then **God blessed Noah and his sons**, saying to them, "**Be fruitful and increase** in number and fill the earth.

We are God's garden in the earth. Christ in us is the Tree of Life and from that Tree we are to bear fruit – fruit that changes environments, fruit that impacts nations, fruit that builds cities, fruit that influences and blesses, fruit that releases healing and the provision of heaven. We are the fruit of righteousness in Christ Jesus. We walk in the fruit of freedom – freedom from the world's systems and influences because we are a NEW CREATION in Christ Jesus, no longer living life bound to natural senses and our culture. God has commanded us to be fruitful and increase in the earth, for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (Psalm 24.1).

Psalms 92.12-15 NIV

¹² **The righteous will flourish** like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

¹³ **planted in the house of the LORD**, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They will still **bear fruit** in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

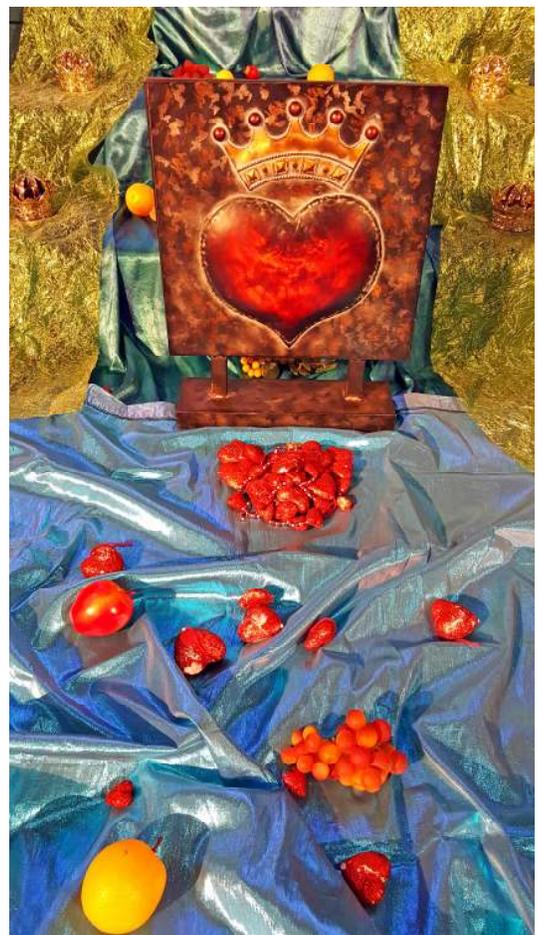
¹⁵ proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

- Fruit is to declare His glory and His wonders, His goodness and His glory.

Proverbs 11.30 NIV

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.

- The fruit of influence



Isaiah 11.1 NIV

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

- This is a prophecy of the coming of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus will come to earth and bear fruit.
- As the second Adam, Jesus is commanded to be fruitful.

Isaiah 37.31-32 NIV

³¹ Once more **a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above.**

³² For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and **out of Mount Zion a band of survivors.**

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

- It is by the hand of the Lord that His people will be fruitful.
- He is the supply.

John 15.4-6, 8, 16 NIV

⁴ **Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**

⁵ **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;** apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

⁸ **This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and **appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.**

- Once again, we are chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
- Fruit that will last.
- Fruit that glorifies the Father.
- Fruit that blesses the earth.
- Fruit that comes out of relationship and intimacy with God Himself. He is the vine and we are the branches – this is a picture of intimacy and connection. In this place there is a flow that produces lasting fruit.

Romans 7.4-5 NIV

⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, **you also died to the law through the body of Christ,** that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, **in order that we might bear fruit for God.**

⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death.

- The fruit that will be produced through the body of Christ will be the fruit of righteousness – fruit of those who have right standing before God through Jesus Christ.
- The fruit we produce will not come from following the law but from the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5.8-11 NIV

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light** ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and **find out what pleases the Lord.** ¹¹ **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.**



Colossians 1.9b-11

⁹We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may **live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...**

James 3.17 NIV

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

- 1 Corinthians 1.30, But **by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God**, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.
- Wisdom in Christ is the unveiling of the Father's ability and sufficiency – the completeness of His plan and purpose. The fruit that comes through us is fed by the Father's provision to do His work.
- He watches over His word to perform it. (Jeremiah 1.12)

Hebrews 13.15

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, **the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.**

1 John 4.4, 5.4 KJV

⁴Ye are of God...and have overcome them, for greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

⁴For whatsoever is begotten of God [which we are – begotten to bear fruit and that fruit comes through His life in us. We no longer lead a life led by our senses but now we live life out of our recreated spirit that is filled with Spirit of Christ and we live by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ.] overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

- Faith brings us into the place of bearing fruit. Believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth.

Ephesians 2.10

For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works [to produce fruit that glorifies God]**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.



EW Kenyon:

“Satan is ETERNALLY DEFEATED! Man's deliverance is threefold. (1) Spiritually from the hand of the enemy. (2) Physically from disease, hunger and want. (3) Mentally from being ruled by the senses (what is seen, felt, heard, smelled, & tasted – this is the flesh man). ...the object of Christ's finished work was that He might make it possible for the natural man to become a NEW CREATION IN CHRIST JESUS”.

The fruit that comes through us is the product of being one with Christ. The fruit is to bring heaven into the earth – God's glory, dominion, His goodness and His life, to make every enemy of a God a footstool under the feet of Jesus. Bring His kingdom expansion into Detroit and our community, to see through His eyes and process all through the mind of Christ – to advance and do the work of the kingdom.

“Kingdom Come”

- K** King’s decree
- I** Instant obedience
- N** Nations bowing
- G** Gatekeepers on watch
- D** Dominion in every domain
- O** Overcomers walking victoriously
- M** Mountains removed, faith remains
- C** Christ in you the Hope
- O** Offering up your bodies a living and holy sacrifice
- M** More, much more
- E** Encounters with Abba Father

Christina Wilson

The fruit of our lips is worship – His word in our mouth. The fruit of our lives is heaven invading earth – His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Being made a NEW CREATION IN CHRIST separates us from the old life in the flesh lived through the senses. As the WORD of God is built into us, we are separated unto Christ. As we become mature sons of God, by our own choosing, we separate ourselves from that which is not sinful in itself but is unnecessary, and this separation continues day after day, until the world has lost its dominion over us. We give up good things for the best things – we abound in fruit that glorifies the Father.

*I hear the Spirit of God saying, "Step in, step in, step into greater fruition. For I have appointed and equipped you to bear fruit, and **NOW** is fruit bearing season. Bear fruit in the city and fruit in the nation, fruit in your community and fruit in your family, fruit in your workplace and the marketplace. My grace and favor are on you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last, fruit that will bless, fruit that will shift and build."*

