

## Bearing Fruit Abundantly!

We are learning to walk in fellowship with Christ and with one another! Paul stated in Colossians 2:7

*"Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."*

When you see the grace of God for the first time, when you hear of the Savior who bore your punishment in advance, when you say 'Yes!' to Jesus Christ you are that dead seed which is coming alive! Now we are growing a root system, down into the grace of God, down into the Word of God, growing deeper in Him and in one another. You cannot grow in Christ separate from one another because we ARE the Body of Christ and Members in particular. Are your "roots" going down deep, looking for pure, living water? Are you thirsty and discontented at the same time? Those are signs that you are alive in Christ! You're looking for more water for your root system! Do not be discouraged in your life if you don't see the "fruit" coming as quickly as you thought. Fruit comes after the tree has been firmly established in the water supply beneath. The bigger the tree, the more nourishment it requires as it prepares to bear much fruit.

How much fruit are you going to bear? How much fruit do you think the Master has planned for you? Just remember, every tree will go through many seasons of heat and cold before the root structure is stable enough and nourishing enough to cause fruit bearing to finally begin. In like manner, we are in that process. God is gathering and adding to us as we put down roots deep into Christ Jesus. He is our source of supply. And He comes to us not by works of the law but by the hearing of faith, as we remain in Him. Instead of complaining or growing weary, remember – we are in the blessing sent from Heaven! The Spirit of Grace gets us rooted deeply in Jesus Christ! This is a time for thanksgiving. As we continue to tap into the power of God and the river of God, things will rapidly and suddenly change around us. Get ready! God is getting ready to bear fruit through you.

Today, we welcome Pastor Ed Lang to help establish us in the faith. May we always abound in our faith with great thanksgiving!

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