

Pastor's Pen

Bear Fruit

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. Romans 7:4

When we came to Christ we were freed from the bondage of sins and were no longer slaves of Satan (Romans 6). Now that we have been set free our lives should reflect the One who set us free. Since we have been freed by Christ, who was raised from the dead, we must be about the business of bearing fruit. We must act like we belong to Christ and not the world.

If the goal of the Christian life is to be like Christ then we must strive to produce fruit that matches His life. What does the fruit of a believer look like? Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit in nine terms in Galatians 5:22-23 they are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Other fruits of a believer are evangelism and seeing others come to Christ, praising and worshiping God, and obeying His commands. We also bear fruit when we give money. Paul designated the collection of money for the poorer saints in Jerusalem as fruit (Romans 15:28). Also, when he thanked the Philippians for their financial support of his ministry, he said that their act of giving brought fruit to their account. So, be a fruit inspector of your life and see that you are producing the fruit of a believer.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

All Kinds of Strange Teachings

by J. C. Ryle

***"Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings! It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them."
Hebrews 13:9***

The text which heads this paper is an apostolic caution against false doctrine. It forms part of a warning which Paul addressed to Hebrew Christians. It is a caution just as much needed now—as it was eighteen hundred years ago. Never, I think, was it so important for Christian ministers to cry aloud continually, "Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings!"

That old enemy of mankind, the devil, has no more subtle instrument for ruining souls, than that of spreading false doctrine. "A murderer and a liar from the beginning!" "Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour!"

Quote of the Week

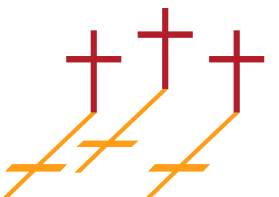
*"I have held many things in my hands,
and I have lost them all;
but whatever I have placed in God's hands,
that I still possess."*

-Martin Luther

Outside the Church, he is ever persuading men to maintain sinful lives, and destructive superstitions. Human sacrifice to idols, gross revolting, cruel, worship of disgusting and abominable false deities, persecution, slavery, cannibalism, child murder, devastating religious wars—all these are a part of Satan's handiwork, and the fruit of his suggestions! Like a pirate, his object is to "sink, burn, and destroy!"

Inside the Church he is ever laboring to sow heresies, to propagate errors, to foster departures from the faith. If he cannot prevent the waters flowing from the Fountain of Life, he tries hard to poison them. If he cannot destroy the remedy of the Gospel, he strives to adulterate and corrupt it. No wonder that he is called "Apollyon, the destroyer."

The Divine Comforter of the Church, the Holy Spirit—has always employed one great weapon to oppose Satan's plans. That weapon is the Word of God. The Word expounded and unfolded, the Word explained and opened up, the Word made clear to the head—and applied to the heart. The Word is the chosen weapon by which the devil must be confronted and confounded. The Word was the sword which the Lord Jesus wielded in His temptations. To every assault of the Tempter, He replied, "It is written!" The Word is the sword which His ministers must use in the present day, if they would successfully resist the devil. The Bible, faithfully and freely expounded—is the safeguard of Christ's true Church.



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

New Testament
Sunday School
Sunday Morning @ 9AM-9:45AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Zoom Bible Study



Job Study

Wednesdays @ 7PM
Teaching Series



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study
AWANA @6:30PM-8PM



Service Times

Sunday Service 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 08.23.20

General Offering	8,557.37
Building Fund	1,251.35
Uganda	135.00
Total	9,943.72
Attendance ...	173 present

Build the Body Ministries

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