

JESUS IS FRUITFUL AND HE IS MULTIPLIED

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We are talking about fruit bearing and the effect the Gospel has on our lives. In our Bible study earlier this week, we spoke on a passage in John 12. I thought it good to share that with you, as well, and maybe add one or two things into the mix. God has come and He had a plan from the beginning of time to have an earth full of people that have His life in them and His quality of life in them and that He, in that way, would actually create a family where He could fellowship and share His life with. We find those basic principles even in our own lives. The vision that a husband and a wife has is to have children and a family. Why do we want family? We want to actually see our own picture. We want to see ourselves and we want, in that, to have fellowship and share life with and have the quality of life we have, duplicated into others and so we live our lives. That is the kind of being we are.

We find the reason we are like that is because we live and move and have our being in God. There's no other reason. We move and live and have our being in God and as we have and move and have our being in God, we see it manifested in our own lives. I call it the God logic manifesting in all of us. I just read that passage in Romans where the Bible says that everything that there is to be known of God has been written in nature. The closest place we see that is even within ourselves. One of the most powerful ways where we can experience who and what God is, is family relations. We know that in this world we have the sick and the broken, and all those kind of things, and yet in the heart of every person is something written called, "A happy good family." We want that.

When God made the earth, He made the earth with the purpose of having people that can have His quality of life live, never die and live on the earth.. This command was actually given to Adam. He said to Adam, "Adam, be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and have dominion over the fish of the sea and all those kind of things." What does that mean? God said to Adam, "Adam, I want exactly what you are and I want that to multiply and fill the whole earth." So God's plan was that man would inherit the whole earth and fill the earth with a being that is like God and that He can come in the cool of the day and share life with them. What God was thinking was, this is how I see it, God sat in heaven and He said, "How can I duplicate Myself? How can I bring myself forth in a way that I can have good fellowship with that person and that person can experience My life, My quality of life. What I have is so good that I need to share it with someone."

Then He came and brought forth the earth and from the dust of the earth He created a man. He gave this man a mind, will and emotions where he can think, reason and feel. What He then wanted to do is, as He indwells that man, through all of these senses, the five senses, the spiritual feelings, all of those things, this person then can experience the life of God and through all of that, enjoy God's life and be one, big, happy family. In doing that, God would actually merge the spiritual with the physical and so have something that has come forth which is what we would call, a spiritual physical or a glorified physical. That's what would take place. That was God's plan from the beginning.

But we know that the first Adam failed. He didn't get it right. He partook of a system that couldn't bring forth God's plan in the earth. When God said to Adam, "Adam, be fruitful and multiply", whose responsibility is it to multiply? It was Adam's responsibility to multiply. The Bible says that God blessed Adam and told him, "This is what you can bring forth in the earth." We have taken, "Be fruitful and multiply," just into having kids but it is much deeper than that.

The first Adam passed away and then the last Adam came to the earth and the command was exactly the same! We see the command from Adam that he must fill the earth and multiply and have dominion over the earth. In other words, the power that he has of life was he would inherit the whole earth. He would inherit the whole earth. The whole earth would be his by this multiplication in having nations upon nations of people flooding the earth sharing in the goodness and the quality of God's life.

When Adam messed everything up, it all got messed up. Then that first Adam was, basically, resurrected, raised up in Christ and Christ came and the command was still to Him to be fruitful and multiply. So I see it as God told Jesus, the whole thing of Him being the last Adam, to be fruitful and multiply. We can see how Jesus took that commandment in the passage I am going to read here and share it in the form of a parable.

Before I get into that, we need to realize that God has come in Christ to undo everything that was done in Adam. He came to undo sin. He came to undo all the effects of sin. He came to undo death. He came to undo everything and have the promise, that was the word that He had with Adam, to be fruitful and multiply and fill the whole earth which He promised to Abraham. He said, "In you, all the nations, shall be blessed." This promise was to Abraham and his seed, not unto many but as to One which is Christ. Which means that in you all the nations shall be blessed. What is the blessedness that will come through Christ? The Bible says that through Jesus came grace and truth. The Bible says that through the Gospel, through Christ and what He has done, through the resurrection, life and immortality came to life through the Gospel. So what is this blessing that the whole earth will be blessed with? It's life! It's the life of God. What we have done in a Law based approach of the Gospel, is we have come to a place where we wanted to take our human ability to bring forth that which God commanded Jesus to bring forth!

I believe that the Law and the prophets was written to Jesus so that He could see how to bring forth salvation to man. The command to be fruitful and multiply was to Christ so that He, by His doing, will bring multiplication into the earth, of the very life that God has promised Him and so will all people be blessed with the very life of God. So the plan which was from the beginning surfaced again in Abraham, where we could see the promise. Then Jesus came and fulfilled that and now we are at the place where the Spirit is bringing forth that life in the earth. We are still in the process but we are going to see the plan that God had from the beginning, manifest in this earth.

The biggest thing that came into the earth is death. When we talk about fruit bearing, one of the greatest ways that we can bear fruit is when we lose our fear. When Jesus raised the dead, it was a very big thing if you read other documents of history about what happened in Jesus' time. When He was raising the dead, there was a very big thing with Caesar and with some of the leaders of that time because all of a sudden, people are going to lose their power because the power that there is in fear is, you're going to die. So what people will threaten others with is, "You are going to die. I'm going to kill you! I'm going to kill your wife. I'm going to kill your child. If a guy comes on the scene who raises the dead, all of a sudden your kingdom is going to fall because you don't have the power to manipulate and control anymore. That's one of the things that I see is going to come to the Church as we have the revelation of what Christ has actually come to do.

We are going to see the fear. If we can know that the fear of death, you know like, “We shouldn't have this disease because what is going to happen if you have that disease? You are going to die!” Well, my God has conquered death!

The moment we can believe, and this is like a phenomena, the moment we can have hope that we can be raised from the dead, the power of control and manipulation and fear is gone in the here and now. Because that power is gone in the here and now, we are starting to experience the very life of God in the here and now. I hope you can hear what I am saying. This isn't a perfect example, but it is like somebody on death row. I watched a movie where people were sitting on death row and a guy came and said, “If you don't quiet in there, I'm going to kill you!” Well, you can't threaten a guy with that because he already knows that he is going to die tomorrow! In a kind of a similar way, we can see it with eternal life. If you can come and say, “Listen man, the devil will come and you are going to lose everything!” The end of it all is death. That is where it all is going to end. If that was even conquered, all these threats have lost their power because our God has conquered death. That is what it is all about and in Him conquering death, He can now bring forth fruit in the earth that looks like Him.

I just feel in my spirit just to reexplain that part a little bit. My son is in the hospital at the moment. This webcast is not a live webcast. It was recorded on Saturday so that I can go and visit him during the certain limited visiting hours in the hospital. With him being there, there are so many things that go through your mind. He had an operation that was a very, very painful operation. I mean, I prayed for him and everything. When we look at that, we see that when he was going into that, it didn't have a voice to me because I know that even if my son would die, he would be raised up and he has conquered death in Christ! His death was conquered and that is the promise. So I couldn't live with the thing anymore where it would say, “What if he doesn't get healed?” If you take all the “what ifs” unto the end, you are going to end with, “What if he dies?” There has already been a victory in Christ! What we find is, when the mind and the heart is programmed into this belief, just by the dynamics of how the subconscious mind works, it filters through to every thought that can even lead to that.

Somebody on Facebook wrote and said, “Is it not possible that he might have a certain disease or a certain syndrome which is not a very good syndrome to have?” Those people are very skinny and some of them are all twisted up. I got confronted with that and when I looked at it I didn't go into the word of faith saying, “He won't have it!” when I was confronted with that, what happened in my heart was very simple. It was, I can look at this without fear because even if this would be so and even if this would be incurable, what does it mean if it so. What does it mean if it is incurable? It means that my son might die earlier in his life. So if that takes place, what then? Well, the “What then” and the “What if” has already been answered by the resurrected Christ and that is what our whole Gospel is all about.

So because of this teaching that has been flooding my heart that is called the Spirit of God, this Gospel as it flooded my heart, and my heart got established and is being established more and more, in the immortality, the conquering of death, I find that I do not have fear. I don't have fear! Everything ends. Every question, every sorrow, every heartache, when you find, “What if. ..What if... What if...” and the end is going to be, “What if you die?” Well, the answer is already there! So in the very same way, if the “what if” ends in death, and the death is answered, it's almost like a river. If you can have a lot of blue dye and you put it into the origin of a river, you are going to find all the streams have a blue color. In the very same way, if you can go to the end of it all, which is death, and you can find conquering there and your Gospel can be about that, you will find as effortless as what it would be for a blue dye to dye water blue. That's how effortless it is to have fruit in the here and now in everything that pertains to “What if” which ends into death.

I'm not saying that we cannot have healing. I'm not saying any of those things. I'm trying to explain how God is bringing forth fruit in the earth. That is what I am trying to explain. We are going to read from John 12.

We know that since Christ has conquered death, when manipulation, control and fear and all those kind of things, loses its power in the here and now. If I just look at ministry, for instance, let's say that I lose support, and let me say this to preachers because it's a very big thing with preachers, "What if I lose my support?" If you are a business man or if you are a guy that works for a salary, and say, "You know, these preachers just worry about their support." You also worry about your support. You are worried if you would lose your business or your job. You are always worried about the economy and how the country must be steered and politics and all those kind of things. Why? Because you want to keep your job. That is what it is. So it's the very same thing with preachers. What if people don't support me? I can't say this and I can't say that." That "what if" ends in, "What if I don't have money? What if I cannot provide for my kids? What if I'm out in the street and at the end of the day, "What if I die!"

What I have experienced from this teaching is that as you realize the love of the Father and what He brought forth in the resurrection, the power of being afraid, to be manipulated, or the power that causes a person to be manipulated or to have fear or all those kind of things, in the area of your finances in ministry, is just gone. You don't even know if you are not worried or if you are just reckless. It is just something that is not there. It has been conquered. That is what takes place because the "what if" onto the deepest end was answered by the resurrection.

I just want to take that thought and let us go into **John 12**:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we want to see Jesus.

22 Philip came and told Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. (When He was talking about the Son of man, He was talking about Himself but He was also talking about in that Son of man, referring to mankind. He said, "The time has come for that glorification.)

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.

25 He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

What Jesus was trying to explain here was how He is going to bear fruit in the earth. We have made fruit bearing our responsibility. For you to be free from fear, for you to be free from manipulation and control to have peace in this life, God rates that as, here is something that He, as God, needs to bring forth in the earth. What was taking place is God saw Jesus, the last Adam, and He said to Him, "Jesus, I want You to be fruitful. I bless You with fruitfulness. I bless You with the ability to multiply this eternal life into others. I want You to fill this whole earth. There are people out there that are dying, living in fear, and all those kind of things and what I want You to do is bring peace into their heart. Bring joy into their heart. Bring kindness into their heart. There are people out there who live in bitterness, don't understand, turmoil in their minds. Bring peace to them and what I also want You to bring to them is

immortal life in the human body. I want You to bring that forth in them.” That's what He said to Jesus. Then when Jesus saw people coming to Him and they wanted to talk to Him, and they were Greeks, meaning that there were not just Jews seeking after the Messiah but now we find that now the Greeks are also coming. They want to talk to Jesus. They first speak to Philip and then Philip speaks to that one. It's like, “What do you think? Should we tell Jesus that the Gentiles want to talk to Him? Oh, my goodness, this is a big thing!” So at the end of the day when Jesus heard this that the Gentiles are now coming, what does He say? He said, “The time has come.”

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. I see this desire, in all these people, to come to Me. So the time has come that this Son of man must be glorified. It's not a good thing that we live in the dishonor of Jew and Gentile and close and near and far and sinner and not sinner. Let us get this division thing out of the way. Let us glorify man. How will man be glorified? Man will be glorified in the multiplication of who Christ is, into people's lives. That's what He says here: ***24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.***

What we had thought there was that we must lay down our lives especially according to the next verse that says, ***25 He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*** We have always said, “You know, you should not love your life and you must be willing to die if you want to save your life. But Jesus is not talking about you there! He's talking about Himself! He's talking about how the glorification should come and it ends there in verse 31 where it talks about Him being put upon the cross and how He will draw all men unto Him. It talks about a seed that has to die and if it dies, the life that it has shall be multiplied and so shall life be eternal.

The problem that Abraham had was that his life would not be eternal because he doesn't have a son. So in the very same way, God, the multiplication of life is seen as eternal life as well in this sense. So what He is coming to do is, He came and He said, “If I, Jesus, hate My life in this world but I want the life which is from heaven and I am willing to lay down My life and I can die, then through that whole system, which has been preached from this church many times, He will be able to be raised up from the dead and so do it with your sin and with your death and in that resurrection He can then bring forth much fruit. Let's look at that again. ***24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,*** (That talks about Jesus) ***it abides alone*** (Then He will be alone): ***but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.***

So what does Jesus say? “If I can die, I will bring forth much fruit“ Who will be the one who bears the fruit? Jesus! The command is not upon you that you must go and bear fruit! The command is upon Jesus that He must bear much fruit in the earth. Do you know that we can say that there are scriptures in the Bible that says, “This is the will of My Father that you bear much fruit.” Yes, it is true. It is true that there will be much fruit in your life but the way that it should be read is in the context of what Christ has come and brought forth in the earth. He has come and He has brought forth something in the earth which is, “I will multiply myself and bring life into people and it is My will that these people will have a lot of fruit. What fruit? The fruit that He brings forth by His doing. That's why the Bible, when it talks about much fruit, says, ***“Abide in Me and I will abide in you and you will bear much fruit.”***

John 15: 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, (In My teaching) and I (will abide) in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,

except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me.

When it talks about fruit bearing, it talks about something that is the end goal that God has with us but it is not something we can do. The only way that it can take place is if we abide in that which produces the life. What is that? That is the teaching that Christ has died and when He died He conquered your sin, He conquered your death and He was raised up as an immortal man, above sin, above death.

I cannot put enough emphasis on this on listening to last week's message at least four or five times. Please do that on what it means to walk in the Spirit. We are going to continue to talk about stuff and without that in your foundation, you are going to struggle to understand these things. You need to understand what the Spirit is.

With this Spirit indwelling us, we find this Spirit as it indwells us, as we believe this resurrection and the hope of the resurrection, we find that this Spirit of God, as Jesus was raised up, raises us up into a life where we are having the fruit of God in us not by our own doing, not by our willpower, not by our dedicated prayer life, not by our dedicated study of the Scriptures but by HIS doing. He says, "Abide in Me and I will abide in you. Abide in this Gospel. Abide in what I have done for you!"

What does it mean to abide in Jesus? It doesn't mean that you abide in Jesus when you go to church. When you abide in Jesus is when you continue to believe in what Jesus stands for and what He has accomplished. He talks about the glorification of man in John 8. He says that the man must be glorified. If I die and I don't love my life in this world, if I don't love the Law System, if I don't love the Works' System, but I love a life which is unified with the Father and I am willing to die to be raised by My Father and have that life, then My life would be eternally preserved and I, as the Son of God, will never die and I will live eternally. I will not be like the first Adam who lived and died. I will be the Adam who lives forever. If I can include all people who are dying, life into My life, then I can find that I can be fruitful and I can multiply.

This is what Jesus said: The union there is between a husband and a wife, in that union, if you stay in that union, if a husband and wife come together and they are one, then they can bear fruit. The wife can bear fruit for the husband or he can bear fruit in her. That's how it will take place. In the very same way with Christ, He said, "Just see your union with Me and I will bring forth fruit in the earth." That means that in that Jesus can fulfill what God always wanted in the earth. You cannot bring forth fruit in the earth. You are the place where the fruit, Jesus brings forth, manifests. That's what it is and through this belief of the resurrection and seeing that as the end goal and the fruit that God wants to bring forth. The Bible talks about the fruit unto eternal life. It talks about that and when you see that and you see that as your life and then you walk in your union with that and you can say, "Death has even been conquered and my body will live and never die. And even if I die I will live and never die. I am not talking about heaven. I will be raised up. That means that every physical thing in this earth that can threaten your life has just lost its power for its end has been conquered. That is what this is all about.

So, Jesus comes and He says in verse 26 that we serve Him. So He first says, "If I love My life in this world, I'm going to lose my life but if I hate my life in this world and lay down my life, I will preserve My life eternally and if I can do this, then there will be much fruit that will come forth of this and that seed will look exactly like the first one." It's talking about a multiplication of the Son of God, in the earth in our lives. Glory to God! That is what God is busy with. As we believe this, we don't have to strategize twenty ... I can't say we can't have strategies in practical things in this world as pertaining to church or those kind of things. But as we have this, we will find an effortless, powerful system going forth in the earth.

Let me give you another example on how this works. This week wasn't a very good week in my life. Now, with everything that happened in this week, how busy I was and everything I had to do, I couldn't get to do the normal ministry work that I do. Normally, and it didn't happen now, but normally what would take place is, "What if you don't preach here! What if you don't put something on facebook. What if you don't minister to that person. What if you don't have a pastors' meeting. What if ... what if... what if! In the end will be, "Your ministry is going to die!" Well, death has been conquered. Glory to God!

I can actually have peace in this situation that I am in. And when I am in that, I find that you look at these things but it's almost as if you are living in another world! God is bringing forth something supernatural in your life. In the midst of it all I have peace and joy. I don't sit with sorrow. I don't sit with heartache at the moment. I sit with a joy inside my heart, a love for my son, a love for my children, It is what is in my heart and I'm walking that out now and the stress of ministry is not there because no voice can come to me, "What if it dies?" My subconscious has already accepted the answer. So whenever that wants to come, since my heart is flooded with an answer even in the worst case scenario, whenever the enemy wants to bring something to my mind, it can never enter my heart or produce emotions from it. It cannot! Why? It's very simple: Because my heart wouldn't allow that because my heart believes the answer so it will not allow unnecessary information! That is how the human has been put together. It's a bit of psychology there but that is how it works. That's how the subconscious with the cognitive and all those things work.

I want to encourage you even if you don't understand everything I say. You may say, "Bertie, you are preaching a very complicated message. I don't understand all these things." Listen, don't stare yourself blind against something that seems to be complicated. When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus what He spoke to Nicodemus was the absolute truth and it sounded very complicated. Yet, I'm sure a few years after that when Nicodemus would look at what Jesus said, he would say, "This is common sense! This is such an easy thing!" Jesus said, "You don't even understand this how will you understand that? This is such a simple thing!" In the very same thing, this can sound complicated but it is very simple. Just go to God and say, "God, explain this to me. I want to understand this phenomenon, this power of eternal life and the phenomenon of that believed and the fruit it produces in our lives today." And He will bring it forth in you. Glory to God!

Well, Church, that is what I got on my heart for you today and I trust that you are going to be deeply blessed by this message. Please listen to this again and again. It will bless you richly. God is a good God. He is a kind God. He is a caring God and He wants to flood your life with His goodness and He is the one who brings you His life. Glory to God!