



The Harvest

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Bear Good Fruit

*“You heard before about this hope in the true message of the Good News that has come to you. In all the world this Good News is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has in you since you first heard it and came to truly know God’s grace.”
~ Colossians 1:5b-6 ~*

It’s really easy to skim-read the opening of Paul’s letters to the various congregations. He seems to always start with the usual “we thank God whenever we think about you” and launches into the areas that specific community is thriving and where they could use some work. This verse and a half out of Colossians is one such section. But it’s imperative that we don’t miss the message here:

As believers, we are called to bear good fruit.

Paul wrote to the church at Colossae saying that, when the people there first heard about Yeshua and believed in Him, they began to grow in their walks with the Lord and produce fruit. This is one of the areas that particular community excelled in. This demonstrates the high calling on our lives as believers: from the moment we believe, we cannot be the same. We cannot live a life according to our old desires. For those who have believed in the Lord their whole lives and can’t remember a time when they didn’t believe, this may seem confusing. But the point remains the same. All of us are called to live set apart – purified – in recognition of our redemption. **We were bought with a price, and that should change everything.**

Pause: How have you seen your life change since accepting Yeshua as your Savior? If you’ve been a believer for as long as you can remember, in what ways has living a life surrendered to the Lord impacted the way you live? Be honest with yourself. If you feel like nothing has really changed, think about that and write why you think that is below.
