

**Undeniable
Biblical
Proof**

JESUS CHRIST

**Will
Return
To
Planet
Earth
Exactly
2,000
Years
After
The
Year
Of
His
Death**

What you MUST DO to be ready!!!

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Chapter 14

Bearing Fruit

*“Ye shall know them by their fruits...
every good tree bringeth forth GOOD FRUIT;
but a corrupt tree bringeth forth EVIL FRUIT”
(Matthew 7:16, 17)*

“Bearing fruit” is another Biblical concept that relates to whether someone will obtain eternal life or not: For only those folks who “bear GOOD fruit” will obtain eternal life! (Note: In the Bible, the word “good” is usually dropped, but understood, in the phrase “bearing fruit”.) And what does the phrase “bearing fruit” really represent? It is simply a Biblical analogy describing the works (or deeds) of someone who “obeys the 10 Love Commandments”. In other words, it is an expression describing the actions of someone who DOES the things on the “do side” of the 10 Love Commandment chart and DOES NOT DO the things on the “do not side”. Thus, “bearing fruit” depicts those people who LOVE—e.g. honor God’s name, keep the Sabbath, tell the truth, feed the hungry, forgive, etc. See, THESE are the eternal-life-rewarding deeds of someone “bearing the good fruit of love”. Are you starting to see how these Biblical terms are all about the same thing? Friend, the Biblical concept of “bearing fruit” is just another way Jesus Christ confirmed “obeying the 10 Love Commandments” is the WAY to eternal life!

One day Jesus spoke an analogy, “*I AM the true vine...Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot BEAR FRUIT of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much FRUIT: for without me ye can do nothing (John 15:1-5).* Are you confused? Look, this analogy is ALL SPIRITUAL in meaning! Do you understand? To “*abide in Christ*” means to abide in the Spirit of the man. And what is that? It is LOVE!!! Jesus came from God, and God is Love; thus, Christ was nothing but love, too. And of course, because he was SINLESS! (Remember sin is just anything that is NOT love.) So, to “bear fruit”—bear the good fruit of love—a soul must “*abide in (the Spirit of) Christ (love)*” just as fruit can only produce on a branch that is connected to a vine which feeds it nutrients and water from the soil. Did you ever see fruit growing on a branch not connected to anything?

Listen to Christ explain his own analogy as he continues: “*If ye abide in me, and my WORDS abide in you...that ye BEAR MUCH FRUIT; so shall ye be my disciples...continue ye in MY LOVE. If ye keep my (10 Love) commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love” (John 15:7-10).* Ah, THERE IT IS: It all goes right back to “obeying the 10 Love Commandments!!! To “*abide in Christ*” means to “*abide in his words of love*”, which means to “keep (obey) his 10 Love Commandments!” Do you see? I told you these Biblical concepts ALL center on “obeying the 10 Love Commandments”! Look, the vine is love, which is the Spirit of Christ (or God); thus, if a soul attaches itself to the “vine of love”, it produces good fruit—i.e. obeys the 10 Love Commandments. So to “*abide in Christ*” really just means to “keep (obey) the 10 Love Commandments”. Notice, Jesus said, “*If ye BEAR MUCH FRUIT, ye are my DISCIPLES.*” But remember what Jesus said earlier: “*By THIS shall all men know that ye are my DISCIPLES, if ye have LOVE one to another*” (John 13:35). Do you see? These two Scriptures prove “bearing fruit” simply means “to love”, which is only shown by obeying the 10 Love Commandments. Yes, the two concepts are precisely the same!

On the flip side of the coin, to “NOT abide in Christ” means

to “NOT obey the 10 Love Commandments”. And sure enough, the Apostle John wrote: “**Whosoever transgresseth (disobeys the 10 Love Commandments), and ABIDETH NOT in the doctrine of Christ, hath NOT God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**” (II John 1:9). Here, John calls Christ’s words the “*doctrine of Christ*”. What is that? It is “to obey the 10 Love Commandments”! Christ’s doctrine was/is for mankind to love God and their neighbor. Therefore, John declares those souls who love (obey the 10 Love Commandments) “*abide in Christ,*” having both God and Jesus!

Now we learned when Adam & Eve ate the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil, all the souls of mankind were born knowing the difference between good (love) & evil (sin)—defined by obeying or disobeying the 10 Love Commandments, respectively: “**And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil**” (Genesis 3:22). Understanding this, John wrote: “**Beloved, follow NOT that which is EVIL, but that which is GOOD. HE THAT DOETH GOOD IS OF GOD: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God**” (III John 1:11). See, God’s message has NEVER changed since the very dawn of time: do good (love) and live, or do evil (sin) and perish! In other words, stop living your life in disobedience to the 10 Love Commandments (doing evil) and start living it in obedience to them (doing good)! This same message rings out loud and clear down through the entire corridor of time.

Around 800 BC, God vehemently warned Israel through the prophet Amos: “*For many and great are your sins. I know them all so well...**Be good, flee evil—and live!** ...Hate evil and love the good...I want to see a mighty flood of justice—a torrent of doing good*” (Amos 5:12, 14, 15, 24, Living Bible). Yes, ALL mankind has known the difference between good & evil, and they have ALL had a chance (choice) to either obey God and obtain eternal life or disobey Him and perish. Remember, Paul wrote: “**He (God) will punish sin (evil) wherever it is found. He will punish the heathen when they sin, even though they NEVER had God’s written laws, for down in their hearts they know right from wrong. God’s laws are written within them; their own conscience accuses them, or sometimes excuses them. And God will punish the Jews for sinning because they HAVE his written**

laws but don't obey them. They know what is right but don't do it. **After all, salvation is not given to those who know what to do, UNLESS THEY DO IT.** The day will surely come when at God's command Jesus Christ will judge the secret lives of everyone, their inmost thoughts and motives" (Romans 2:12-16 Living Bible). Yes, friend, God has not changed His way of thinking over time! He still passionately hates sin (evil) and will destroy all those who willfully continue sinning (disobey His 10 Love Commandments)!

So, with respect to "bearing fruit" or "abiding in Christ" (during mankind's first 4,000 years on Earth) here is the truth: Anyone who lived a life in obedience to God's 10 Love Commandments—chose the WAY of good (love) over the WAY of evil (sin)—was "bearing fruit" and "abiding in Christ" even though they never heard the name of the Earthly man Jesus Christ! Do you understand? See, anyone who lives a life of love "abides in the Spirit of Christ," because he is love. Is there Biblical evidence to support this? Yes, of course! The Apostle Paul, writing in reference to the Israelites 40 year wilderness experience (which occurred over 1,300 years before mankind knew anything of the Earthly man Jesus Christ) wisely said: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers (Israelites) were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud...And did all eat the same SPIRITUAL meat; And did all drink the same SPIRITUAL drink: for they drank of that SPIRITUAL Rock that followed them: and that ROCK WAS CHRIST" (I Corinthians 10:1-4). Ah, do you see? The Israelites ate and drank of the SPIRIT of CHRIST? What does that mean? It means "LOVE". God gave them the Law of Love (the 10 Love Commandments) yet, even after continually hearing (drinking and eating) the message of love (Christ), they still disobeyed it and DID NOT LOVE!

In the Israelite story (parable), the supernatural manna and water God supplied the Israelites with in the wilderness was a type of the "spiritual food & water" we are all to eat and drink to live eternally. That food and drink is "love," which is the Spirit of Christ! This truth has never changed since the dawn of time. THAT is why Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man

may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever" (John 6:48-51). Friend, ANYONE living throughout history who obeyed the 10 Love Commandments was eating and drinking of "spiritual Christ" and becoming love, for LOVE was/is the living bread that comes from God, which if ate will sustain a soul for eternity!

Look, eating physical food only sustains your physical body, which keeps your spirit attached to it. But the real food we are to eat is God's WORDS, which are the 10 Love Commandments. If you eat THAT food you will live forever! Jesus said, "*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus was quoting here what Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 8:3. Remember, God's (spoken & written) WORDS to mankind were/are to "obey the 10 Love Commandments." It is very sad to see people deeply concerned about getting and having physical food to eat, but caring little about obeying God's words! Yet, obeying God's 10 Love Commandments is the "spiritual food" that would sustain their soul forever! Friend, you should be a million times more concerned about aligning your life up to God's 10 Love Commandments, then concerned about having and eating physical food!

And what did Christ confirm will happen to a soul who "*does NOT abide in Christ*" (does NOT keep the 10 Love Commandments)? Jesus said: "*If a man abide NOT in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned*" (John 15:6). Do you understand what Jesus is saying? He is referring to Judgment Day and the "lake of fire" prepared for the Devil and his angels. All who do not walk in love (obey the 10 commandments) will be thrown into the fire and perish! Again, Jesus said, "*Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth GOOD FRUIT; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth EVIL FRUIT. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth NOT forth good fruit (love) is hewn down, and cast into the fire*" (Matthew 7:16-19). What a clear, concise, harmonious message the Bible paints!

And of course, John the Baptist preached the same message:

“Bring forth therefore (good) fruits meet for repentance... And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth NOT forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” (Matthew 3:8, 10). Do you understand what John meant by saying, “Bring forth (good) fruits MEET for repentance”? The word “meet” was translated from the Greek word “*axios*” meaning: worthy, deserving, in keeping with, corresponding to. Do you see? John’s words prove TRUE REPENTANCE is ONLY proved by “bearing fruit”!!! Again, I told you these Biblical terms are all related, for “turning away from sin” (or to stop sinning) by choosing to obey the 10 Love Commandments is “bearing fruit”—which IS repentance! Therefore, “REPENTANCE” IS the good fruit mankind is to bear. John knew a person had to “stop sinning” and “start loving” to PROVE they had repented. In other words, if you are still willfully sinning (disobeying the 10 Love Commandments), you have NOT repented, you are NOT “bearing fruit”, and you have a future date in a hellish inferno if you do not change! THIS is what John the Baptist was warning the people of his day about.

Certain ones asked John what they should DO to prove they had repented of sin; listen to John the Baptist’s “do side of the 10 Love Commandment chart” answers in the following dialogue: “*The crowd replied, “What do you want us to DO?” “If you have two coats,” he replied, “give one to the poor (8th Love Commandment). If you have extra food, give it away to those who are hungry (8th Love Commandment).” Even tax collectors—notorious for their corruption—came to be baptized and asked, “How shall we prove to you that we have abandoned our sins?” “By your honesty (9th Love Commandment),” he replied. “Make sure you collect no more taxes than the Roman government requires you to (2nd Love Commandment).” “And us,” asked some soldiers, “what about us?” John replied, “Don’t extort money by threats and violence (6th Love Commandment); don’t accuse anyone of what you know he didn’t do (9th Love Commandment); and be content with your pay (10th Love Commandment)!” (Luke 3:10-14, Living Bible). Wow, what a beautiful passage of Scripture—one of my favorite in the whole Bible!!! John knew EXACTLY what a soul MUST DO to obtain eternal life; they MUST prove they have repented of sin by “obeying the 10*

Love Commandments”, and then God will one day forgive their past sins through Christ’s sinless, sacrificial, spiritual death on the cross.

In summary, the “GOOD fruit” Christ commands our souls to bear is to “obey the 10 Love Commandments” and the “EVIL fruit” we are to avoid producing is “disobeying the 10 Love Commandments. Obedience leads to righteousness and eternal life, while disobedience leads to sin and eternal death. Paul penned: “*For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **What FRUIT had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God (Love), ye have your (good) FRUIT unto holiness, and the end everlasting life*” (Romans 7:20-22). Could it be any simpler? If you want words describing the “(good) fruit” we are to bear, they are the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit we learned about in the last chapter: “*But the **FRUIT of the (Holy) Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance***” (Galatians 5:22). Friend, these are the “(good) fruits” we MUST bear to obtain eternal life! Are these fruits blooming out of your spirit? I pray they are: “*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, **being FRUITFUL in every GOOD WORK**, and increasing in the knowledge of God (love)... unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness*” (Colossians 1:10, 11).