

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

24 January 2021

Texts: Colossians 1

Subject: "Bringing forth fruit"

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Initial teachings about fruit-bearing

- a) By John the Baptist                      Matthew 3
- b) By the Lord Jesus Christ                Matthew 7; Luke 6
  - i) Parable of the Sower                    Matthew 13; Luke 8
  - ii) Cursing of the Fig Tree                Matthew 21

#### 2. Further teaching in the Epistles

- a) Fruit related to the Gospel              Colossians 1
- b) Fruit related to the Holy Spirit        Galatians 5

### THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

#### 1. Preached by the Apostles

- a) Peter
- b) Paul
- c) Non-apostles

#### 2. Comment of Paul concerning the Colossian Church

- a) Heard of your faith in Christ Jesus      Colossians 1:4a
- b) And of your love for all the saints        Colossians 1:4b

#### 3. The Gospel described

- a) The hope which is laid up for you in heaven      Colossians 1:5a
- b) The word of the truth of the Gospel                Colossians 1:5b

c) The grace of God in truth

Colossians 1:6c

#### 4. The Gospel preached

a) In Colossae

b) In all the world

#### 5. Fruit bearing

a) Observations:

i) And is bringing forth fruit

ii) As it is also among you

iii) Since the day you heard  
and knew the grace of God in truth

Colossians 1:6

b) The word of the Gospel

i) It is able to cause fruit to arise

ii) Able to cause fruit to abound

### **A MORE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL**

#### 1. Love      Colossians 1:4

a) Love is indeed a fruit

b) It is a special work of God

i) The unloving becomes loving

ii) The selfish becomes selfless

iii) The self-centered becomes other-centered

#### 2. For all the saints      Colossians 1:4

a) There is love for God

b) Love for God's word

c) Love for all the saints

i) Love for others

ii) Love for fellow-believers

iii) There would be genuine concern for others

iv) This is a new work that God will do in our heart

3. Love in the Spirit                      Colossians 1:8

a) This identifies further this fruit of love

b) It is a special work of the Spirit of God

### **A GREATER DESCRIPTION OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

(Galatians 5:22-23)

1. Love

2. Joy

3. Peace

4. Longsuffering

5. Kindness

6. Goodness

7. Faithfulness

8. Gentleness

9. Self-control