

Filled with Fruits

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Introduction

1. Philippians 1:9-11
2. Paul prays for the Philippians
 - a. He prays that their love abounds in knowledge and judgment
 - b. He prays that they may prove things that are excellent
 - c. He prays that they may be sincere and without offence till Christ comes again
 - d. The way they can do this is by being filled with the fruits of righteousness
3. Filled means to cram, level up (a hollow)[strong]; to make full[vine's]
4. Fruits are something that are produced
 - a. We are to produce fruit John 15:2
 - b. We are to be known by our fruit Matthew 7:20
 - c. Not all fruit is good fruit Jude 12; Romans 6:21-23
 - d. We are to be filled with fruits of righteous Philippians 1:11
 - i. This fruit is then sown in peace James 3:18
5. Let us look closer then at the fruits of righteousness

II Discussion

1. Righteousness is right doing
 - a. That which is right or God ordained; integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking, feeling and acting
 - b. God accepts those who fear and work righteousness Acts 10:34-35.
 - c. Righteousness is revealed in the Gospel Romans 1:16-17
 - d. Righteousness is obeying God's commands Psalm 119:172
 - e. Righteousness can be seen in our lives 1 John 3:7
 - i. It is called the way of righteousness 2 Peter 2:21
 - ii. It is loving the brethren 1 John 3:10-11
 - iii. It is a the way we live Titus 2:11-12
2. Which are by Jesus Christ
 - a. We must be in Christ to bear fruit John 15:4-5
 - b. One gets into Christ by baptism Galatians 3:26-27 but other steps are necessary
 - c. The fruits are Galatians 5:22-23
 - d. The fruits are the graces 2 Peter 1:5-11
3. This is all done to the Glory of God
 - a. Good works done by Jesus' disciples were designed to bring glory to God Matthew 5:15
 - b. All that we do is to be done to the glory of God 1 Corinthians 10:31

III conclusion

1. Christians are to be productive trees
2. We are to be filled with fruits
3. To have a negative approach to life is to have sour fruit, John 10:10
4. The parables of Matthew 25 emphasize the necessity of positive action
5. Now the question What am I doing in the Lord's service? Am I fruitful?

6. Start now by being a Christian

Sources: Vines Strong's The Letters of Paul to the Philippians; Denton on Philippians;
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