



“The Fruit of the Spirit is PRAISE!”
HOW TO BE A FRUITFUL CHRISTIAN SERIES (PART 11)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23

Walk as children of light
(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),
finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.
Ephesians 5:8-10

Therefore by Him let us continually offer
the sacrifice of PRAISE to God, that is,
the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
Hebrews 13:15

> Let's define ***PRAISE!*** - The praise of man toward God is the means by which we express our joy to the Lord. We are to praise God both for who He is and for what He does (Ps 150:2). Praising God for who He is is called adoration; praising Him for what He does is known as thanksgiving. Praise of God may be in song or prayer, individually or collectively, spontaneous or prearranged, originating from the emotions or from the will. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

> Observe VICTORY through PRAISE in 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

> Let's PRAISE GOD through the PSALMS:

- PSALM 30 – Praise God for His Deliverance!

- PSALM 66 – Praise God for His Blessings!

- PSALM 92 – Praise God for Who He Is!

- PSALM 96 – Praise God for His Salvation, Greatness, Glory, and Truth!

- PSALM 111 – Praise God for His Wonderful Works!

- PSALM 148 – God Praised by All Creation!

- PSALM 150 – PRAISE THE LORD!

> Catch the PRAISE of Angels and Shepherds at the birth of Christ in Luke 2:8-20 - *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the*

shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

> **The Disciples PRAISE GOD CONTINUALLY!** - Luke 24:44-53 - *Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.*

> **The Church must PRAISE GOD ALWAYS!** - Acts 2:40-47 - *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

> Let's keep PRAISING HIM IN HEAVEN AND FOREVER! – Revelation Chapters 5 & 19.

> PRAISE HIM! - 1 Peter 2:9-10- *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

Isaiah 42:12 - *Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.*