

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 39

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Salvation

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

Philippians 1:11 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: At first it might seem obvious. The Scripture talks about the fruit of our salvation. We can talk about many kinds of fruit as we talk about this Year of Harvest, but there can be nothing that is more important than that our lives demonstrate the fruit or the outworking of our salvation. Paul in simple terms here, says that this is the righteous character that is produced in our lives by Jesus Christ. First, let us look at what that righteous character is. The results of salvation in our lives will be honesty, truth, kindness, meekness, goodness. These are really the character of Christ in us, as we have seen in other weeks. Many times there is a criticism of the church that it is full of hypocrites. Perhaps it is not so much that the church is filled with hypocrites as much as the church is full of people who have yet to learn what it means to produce the fruit of salvation in their lives. This is a part of the goal of discipleship, to teach people how, through the power of the indwelling Christ, to produce the fruit of salvation in their lives. Again, this fruit is not produce by obeying a set of rules or religious regulations. Christ freed us from that. It is the life of the living Christ being lived out through our lives, through our personalities, through our gives. It is only possible in those who have Christ living in their lives through faith. And what is the goal of this life of righteousness? Paul makes it very clear that it is to be for the glory and praise of God. The goal is not so that people will think that we are very spiritual, or look with admiration upon our service in the church. It is totally and only for the glory of the One who is the author of our salvation.

Day 1: Look up verses today that would explain the fruit of salvation in your life.

Day 2: Ask the Lord to examine your life today, and to tell you where you are, and where you are not producing this fruit of salvation.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to teach you how to live in such a way that you will bring glory and honor to Him.

Day 4: Repent of any way in which your life is not producing and demonstrating the fruit of salvation.

Day 5: Pray for your church to be discipling people that will demonstrate the fruit of salvation daily.

Day 6: Pray today for the testimony of the church in your city to be one that brings glory to God.

Day 7: Pray the fruit of salvation to be evident in those who serve on mission fields around the world.