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STERILE CHRISTIANITY

The first command God gave Adam and Eve is found in Genesis 1:28 where it says, ***“...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it...”*** God was very explicit about this. He did not want them to just be the happy “twosome.” He expected them to be fruitful. We must remember that they were in the state of innocence when this was said. They had not sinned. As Christians, we are restored to that state when we receive Christ as our savior. Our sins are washed away, and we take on the robe of righteousness that Jesus gives us.

After receiving salvation, what comes next? Yes, we need to be discipled, and learn, and study the word of God, but the same command of fruitfulness is given to us as it was given to Adam and Eve. Jesus’ last words to his disciples were, ***“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*** This is a command, not a suggestion. What does it mean when we “preach” the gospel? It means we are sharing “good news,” because that is what the word gospel means. We are sharing the good news that one doesn’t have to be separated from God for eternity.

When we share the gospel and someone receives Jesus as their Savior, we become fruitful Christians. We are reproducing ourselves. The only way you came into this world is by birth in the fleshly manner. The only way you can receive Christ is by a spiritual birth. We are all supposed to birth other Christians. If not, we are sterile Christians with no spiritual offspring or spiritual fruit.

Many will be offended by my saying this, but the truth of the matter is, there is little passion in the pulpit for souls. Preachers may preach great fired up messages, but if that fire doesn’t stir us to leave our spiritual sterility and become fruitful, then the preaching is in vain.

We must also be reminded that Jesus looks for fruit in our lives. The story of the fig tree with no fruit (Mark 11:12-26) gives us his pronouncement on unfruitfulness. When he saw no fruit on it the fig tree was cursed forever and died from the roots upward. It amazed the disciples that it happened so fast.

There is a lost and dying world needing someone to come and help birth them into the kingdom. The choice is ours, be sterile or be productive. When we stand before God, He will show us our lives and we will be rewarded for what we did “after” salvation. I pray that none of stand with empty hands because we were “sterile” Christians.