

**GUARDRAILS**  
**The Fruit of the Gospel**  
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*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. Colossians 2:8 NIV*

**Key Verses of the Day**

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you.*

*In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. Colossians 1:1-8*

**Key Thought of the Day**

The \_\_\_\_\_ flourishes with a proper understanding of God's grace.

*In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. Colossians 1:6 NIV*

**The Fruit of the Gospel...**

1. Confirms the Good News that God makes our relationship with Him \_\_\_\_\_.

*To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. Colossians 1:2 NIV*

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you... Colossians 1:21-22a*

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus... Colossians 1:3-4a NIV*

**Grab This!**

We have a tremendous gift in our righteousness found in Jesus, and as we navigate the reality and challenges of this world our faith ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ by others.

### **The Fruit of the Gospel...**

2. Produces a Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_ for other believers.

*...because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven... Colossians 1:4-5a NIV*

### **Don't Miss This!**

Loving God's people well is a by-product of fully understanding God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*The gospel is bearing fruit... since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. Colossians 1:6 NIV*

### **The Fruit of the Gospel...**

3.. Proclaims the \_\_\_\_\_ about God.

*...the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. Colossians 1:5-6a NIV*

### **Grab This!**

Christians ought to \_\_\_\_\_ as if the Gospel is true!

### **The Fruit of the Gospel...**

4. Yields a \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.

*In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it... Colossians 1:6 NIV*

*Everywhere in the world that Good News is bringing blessings and is growing. Colossians 1:6 NCV*

### **The Bottom Line**

The Fruit of the Gospel ought to be proclaimed by \_\_\_\_\_.

*You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. Colossians 1:7-8 NIV*

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." — Jesus, Luke 10:2 NIV*

### **The Challenge**

Who is one person with whom you can share the life-changing Gospel message of Jesus?

Name \_\_\_\_\_