

# Colossians 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

## Analysis

**Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth.** The gospel's universal spread (en panti tō kosmō, ἐν παντὶ τῷ κόσμῳ, "in all the world") demonstrates divine power, not human marketing. This worldwide movement validates the gospel's authenticity against localized heresies claiming special revelation.

The present participles karpophoroumenon kai auxanomenon (καρποφορούμενον καὶ αὔξανόμενον, "bearing fruit and growing") indicate continuous, organic expansion. True gospel always produces visible transformation—both external growth (new converts) and internal fruit (changed lives). The Colossians experienced this "since the day ye heard," showing immediate efficacy versus mystical systems requiring advanced techniques.

## Historical Context

By AD 60, the gospel had spread throughout the Roman Empire despite persecution, poverty, and opposition—a historical miracle unexplainable by natural means. No advertising budget, political power, or military force drove this expansion, only the Holy Spirit working through faithful witnesses. This explosive growth testified to the gospel's divine origin.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What fruit evidences the gospel's reality in your life since conversion—not just initial change but ongoing transformation?
2. How do you distinguish between genuine spiritual growth and mere religious activity or knowledge accumulation?
3. What role does your life play in the gospel's continued fruitfulness and expansion in your sphere?

## Interlinear Text

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τοῦ παρόντος εἰς ὑμᾶς καθὼς καὶ ἐν παντὶ τοῦ  
Which is come unto you as and in all Which  
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κόσμῳ καὶ ἔστιν καρποφορούμενον καθὼς καὶ  
the world and bringeth forth fruit G2592 as and  
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ἐν ὑμῖν ἀφ' ἡς ἡμέρας ἡκούσατε καὶ ἐπέγνωτε τοῦ  
in you since the day ye heard and knew Which  
G1722 G5213 G575 G3739 G2250 G191 G2532 G1921 G3588

χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ.  
the grace Which of God in truth  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 15:16** (Parallel theme): Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**Philippians 1:11** (References God): Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

**Colossians 1:23** (Parallel theme): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Psalms 98:3** (Grace): He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Mark 16:15** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Mark 4:8** (Parallel theme): And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

**Romans 1:13** (Parallel theme): Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

**Matthew 24:14** (Parallel theme): And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

**1 Peter 5:12** (Grace): By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

**Acts 26:18** (Sin): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

