

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 αὐξανόμενον, "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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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

τοῦ	παρόντος	εἰς	ὑμᾶς	καθὼς	καὶ	ἐν	παντὶ	τοῦ
Which	is come	unto	you	as	and	in	all	Which
G3588	G3918	G1519	G5209	G2531	G2532	G1722	G3956	G3588
κόσμῳ	καὶ	ἐστὶν	καρποφορούμενον		καθὼς	καὶ		
the world	and	bringeth forth fruit			as	and		
G2889	G2532	G2076			G2531	G2532		
ἐν	ὑμῖν	ἀφ'	ἧς	ἡμέρας	ἠκούσατε	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				
G5485	G3588	G2316	G1722	G225				

Additional Cross-References

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.

