

## Produce: Part 1

April 4, 2021

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What are you allowing the Holy Spirit to produce in your life? What is the evidence of Fullness of Life?

Romans 8:1-11 *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."* [ESV]

March 20<sup>th</sup> was designated as the first day of Spring. For me Spring is about the earth bursting with new life. It is about the earth moving into that productive stage. It has moved out of the dead and dormant stage to an atmosphere where everything is producing newness.

Producing & being productive is God's idea.

- Gen 1:22-23 "And **God blessed them** (things in the sea and fowl of the air), saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day." [KJV]
- Gen 1:27-28 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And **God blessed them** (things creeping upon the earth and man), and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."
- Gen 8:16-17 "Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and **be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.**" [KJV]
- Gen 9:1 "And **God blessed Noah and his sons**, and said unto them, **Be fruitful**, and multiply, and replenish the earth." [KJV]
- Gen 26:22 "And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now **the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.**" [KJV]
- Gen 35:10-11 "And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God

said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;" [KJV]

- Jer 23:2-3 "Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase." [KJV]

God values us being productive.

John 15:8 "*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*" [KJV]

The Spirit Produces:

### 1. Force (Resurrection Power)

On this Easter Sunday I want to remind all of us that the Spirit of God produces Resurrection Power. The greatest source of Production is the work of Christ in us through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Vs. 8 – 11 (See above)

### THE SPIRIT IS LIFE!

The worldly view of life:

- Life is that we are free to be the authors of our own purpose
- Life is merely a prelude to an afterlife
- Life is the ability to chose one's own attitude and one's way.
- Life is experiencing reality by interacting with the environment and with others
- Life is giving something back to the world through creativity and self-expression

Great Psychologist and Psychiatrist have different opinions of Life:

- Sigmund Freud – Life was the pursuit of pleasure
- Alder Adler – Life was the pursuit of power
- Carl Jung – Life was the pursuit of and fulfilling potential
- Viktor Frankl – Life was the pursuit of meaning; purpose
  - [Three sources: purposeful work; love and courage in the face of difficulty]

You find these only to find out they do not produce real life. But, God says that Life is found in HIM!

Acts 17:28 "*In HIM we live and move and have our being!*"

Rom 8:1 "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*" [KJV]

There is no adverse sentence for those in Christ! What an awesome thought and idea!

But there is more than just no condemnation...go further to verse 11, "*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*"