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## The Tree of Life

Genesis 3:22, 23 *“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.”*

The tree of life had been placed in the garden of Eden and we learn from Genesis 3:22 that if man ate of it, he would live forever. After sin entered the world, access to the tree of life was denied. In verse 24 we are told that cherubim were placed at the east of the garden. They had flaming swords that turned every way. They were placed to keep the way of the tree of life. This prevented mankind from eating thereof and living forever.

All hope of access to the tree of life is not lost. During our time upon Earth mankind does have access to a tree of life that we ourselves provide to the world. Proverbs 11:30 says, *“The fruit of the righteous*

*is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”* It seems from the reference to the winning of souls that the people we bring to the LORD is our fruit. In that sense we are a tree of life to the people who are saved due to our efforts.



The tree of life is again mentioned three times in Revelation. In Revelation 2:7 we are told that we will have access to the tree of life and where it is located, *“ To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”*

The last chapter of Revelation mentions the tree of life twice. Revelation 22:1, 2 *“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

The tree of life always has a variety of fresh fruit. Every month it bears this fruit and the leaves are for healing. The tree of life is there for the saved to freely enjoy and partake, and live forever.

The final time the tree of life is mentioned in the Bible is Revelation 22:14. This verse plainly tells who will access to the tree of life. *“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”*

Mankind was banished from the garden of Eden and lost access to the tree of life. The LORD in His mercy has made it available to the saved in Heaven. Obey the LORD and live for Him to have everlasting access to the tree of life.

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—Marty Edwards❖

# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Kenneth Compton**, brother of Larry, continues to recover from a truck accident. He is in Vanderbilt hospital in Nashville. **Brad**

**Terry** is in Vanderbilt and has to stay 100 days to prepare for a bone marrow transplant. His sister is to be his donor and will be there for the same duration.

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Matthew 6:32, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

In Matthew 6:30 Jesus was talking about how people wonder where their food, drink, and clothing would come from. He tells us to seek the kingdom of God first. In so doing these things will be added unto us. It doesn't mean that we are not to work to provide. Paul wrote in II Thessalonians 3:10, *“...if any would not work, neither should he eat.”*

If we are putting the kingdom of God first, these things will be provided. Do we truly put the LORD and His kingdom first in our attendance, giving, time, and in our very thoughts and being throughout every day? The LORD must come first in all things, every day. When we do so, the things we need will be provided.

In verse 34 we are told to take no thought for the morrow. This doesn't mean not to plan. Planning is wise, but by putting the LORD first we don't have to worry about tomorrow at all. Seek the LORD and His kingdom first. It makes for a worry-free, peaceful life here and eternal life after this life.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, August 14, 2016		
Classes	21	Ephesians 1:11-23
Preaching	26	II Peter 1:11-21
Contribution	\$558.00	
Evening	22	Proverbs 11:1-31
Wednesday, August 17, 2016		
Classes	23	Ezra 9:1-15

Visitors— Aug 14 (AM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY); John Lay (Hiseville, KY)

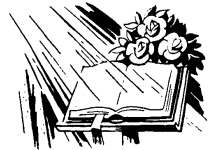
## Bible Quiz

The fruit of the righteous is what?

Last Week's Answer— Proclaimed a fast (Ezra 8:21)

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”*

—I Peter 2:9



## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)