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Proverbs 7:2, “*Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.*”

We are told in Proverbs to keep the commandments of the LORD and live. Certainly we all are going to die, but the keeping of the LORD’s commandments gives us eternal life. Our time here is short. People spend much time and money with doctors and exercise programs to try and extend life. Certainly we want to take care of our bodies, for we are the temple of God. But, within a few short years we will pass from this life.

If we want to truly live, we must keep the commandments of the LORD. They need to be the apple of our eye. The expression of something being the apple of our eye simply means how much we keep focused on it and love it.



The first time the word “apple” is used in the Bible is Deuteronomy 32:10, “*He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him*

as the apple of his eye.” The last time is Zechariah 2:8, “*For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.*” The LORD calls us the apple of his eye. His people are the ones He is focused on and loves.

The LORD loves all, but His eternal love and the eternal life He offers is only to the apple of His eye— His people. For us to be the apple of the LORD’s eye we must have His commands as the apple of our eyes. We must keep them before us and obey them.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Revelation 22:1-2, ¹*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. ²In 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.*

In a somewhat related noted to the previous article, the word “apple” is never once used in the New Testament. “Fruit” is used often in the Old and New Testaments. The last use of “fruit” is in Revelation 22:2. We are told in this verse that the tree of life yields it’s fruit every month.

It’s hard not to think of this as real fruit since this is all we know. It’s never told what the fruit is but whatever we are partaking of from the tree of life, it never ceases to have twelve fruits always fresh and for the saved. This fruit is reserved for the apple of His eye.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Randall Locket**, grandfather of Adam and Clay Glass, continues to recover in Bowling Green from an automobile accident. He is

doing much better and hopes to be able to leave in three to four weeks.

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Psalms 85:11, *“Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.”*

This past Monday Spring officially began. We can certainly see that things are becoming very spring like. The weather is much warmer. There are many trees leaving out, some flowers are blooming and pastures are quite green and grass will soon be mowed.

The word “spring” is used many times in the Bible but never as a reference to this time of year. The Bible refers to two seasons—Summer and Winter. To those of that day it was simply a hot or cold season. The idea of naming transitional seasons came later.

When the word “spring” is used in the Bible it does carry with it the idea of something coming forth and growing. One such verse is the above verse from Proverbs. Truth is going to spring out of the earth.

Certainly this refers to the gospel germinating as a seed and going forth, growing and spreading. I can’t help but wonder if there could also be references to the LORD coming forth from the grave at His resurrection and truth springing out of the earth.

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Sunday, March 19, 2017		
Classes	16	Colossians 1:1-10
Preaching	22	He That Hath An Ear (Revelation 2 & 3)
Contribution	\$971.00	
Evening	20	Revelation 2:1-17
Wednesday, March 22, 2017		
Classes	18	Daniel 8:1-27

Visitors—
Mar 19 (AM) Tim Bartlett (Berryville, Arkansas)
Mar 19 (PM) Tim Bartlett (Berryville, Arkansas);
Kristen Gaugler (Priceville, KY)
Mar 22 (Wed) Tim Bartlett (Berryville, Arkansas)

Bible Quiz

If we are faithful unto death, what will we receive?

Last Week’s Answer— Seven stars (Revelation 1:16)

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As you see the grass, leaves, and other vegetation springing forth this year, think of the truth springing forth from the earth. We have a part in that when we teach and spread the gospel. Let’s do all we can to give the world truth springing up.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)