



Colossians 1:1-14

What Do You Have to Lose?

- the Answer Is... Missing out on our full share of God's Harvest
- You are Perfect through Christ.
- Stop diminishing Perfection by Adding to it!

Giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. (1:12)

The gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate God's grace. (1:5b-6)

So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. (1:10)

The Means of the Harvest – The Farmer is God

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (1:13-14)

Redemption = Rescue + Transfer

The Internal Harvest – The Difference God Can Make In You

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints & because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel. (1:4-5)

- Faith: Living in Close Contact with Limitless Being
- Love: Finding True Joy by Investing in Others
- Hope: Living For More than This Life

The External Harvest – The Difference God Can Make Through You

So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. (1:10)

A Life Aglow and a Trail of Eternity

You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. (1:7)

What Do You Have to Lose? 1) Nothing 2) Lots