

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021”?

“EXTEND THE TREE OF LIFE”

_____ *HE THAT WINS SOUL IS WISE." (PROV 11:30)*

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EXTEND THE TREE OF LIFE

Text 1: John 15

⁵ **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.** ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Text 2: Ephesians 4, Paul said

¹“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation with which you are called. ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷ **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

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In Genesis 2

“⁸ The LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the **tree of life** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

Genesis 2:16–17, NLT

But the LORD God warned him [Adam], “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they were expelled from the garden.

Genesis 3:22-24

22The LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from **the tree of life**, and eat, and live forever”— **23**therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. **24**So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to **guard the way to the tree of life**.

So man fell and lost the right to live for ever (everlasting life)

However, we know that Jesus came to redeem man from his fallen position and make it possible for them to have eternal life.

John 3:16 “**16**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Meaning the person will now have access to the tree of life.

In the original plan, the tree of life was just to be a midst of man and everyone was just to enjoy ever lasting life. But in the current dispensation, we now have to make personal effort to partake in it.

Jesus has paid the price but we have to:

- a. work to have access to the tree of life (ever lasting life) **and**
- b. work to extend the tree of life to others who have not gotten

Work to have access to the tree of live

“What does it benefit you if you gain the whole world and loose your soul?”

_____ Matthew 16:26

Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.”

Revelations 2: 7 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. **To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.**”

Work to extend the tree

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit (John 15:5).

Proverbs 11:30

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

John 15: ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

It means we have the capacity to extend the tree of life

Revelation 21:26

26And into the city will be brought the glory and honor of the nations. **27**But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

In Revelations 22:1-21, John lays out what he saw concerning the tree of life:
“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.** The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Ezekiel 47:12 Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing).

Most of the complaints and issue we see around is because we have not extended the tree of life to enough people. _____ many have not received the tree of life.

Proverbs 14:34 “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

As we increasingly extend the tree of life, many will become righteous and healing will be upon nations.

Reason Malachi 4:2 says “But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with

joy like calves let out to pasture.”

A nation where people cannot freely go out with joy, needs extension of tree of life.

Reason Matthew 28:19-20 says

“¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world.”

Brethren, testimonies are sure to come for those who focus on extending the tree of life to others. Who commit to bearing much fruit, standing on the source of life, Jesus Christ.

Extending the tree of life leads to Righteousness, Healing, Reconciliation and Life.

Let us stay accessing the tree of life and bearing fruit that extends the tree of life to others.

GOD BLESS YOU!