

Romans 6:21-7:4 Brought forth the fruit!!

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* Matthew 3:7-10 [Read 1st]

- val. You talk about a bad apple. Have you ever heard that expression? That guy is a real bad apple...
 - Or, "One bad apple spoils the bunch..."
 - This makes me think of Cinderella... That wicked witch put the curse on Snow White. How'd she do that? With a bad apple...
 - Or how about Adam & Eve... What did the serpent give Eve? He gave her some bad fruit... Fruit from the tree of knowledge of good & (AND) evil...
 - It was fruit where the end of these things is death...
 - It was a bad apple... God said if they took of the fruit... they would surely die...
 - That's the kinda fruit we put out when we're lost...
 - When you're lost, your fruit is not healthy. It's not sustaining. Provides no nourishment... It doesn't sustain anything. No, instead it's a curse. It's decayed & rotted to the core... It'll only bring death...
 - And just like those Phisees & Sadd. that came upon John the Baptist... it may be religious fruit. It may look feel, smell, & ~~be~~ good... but it may be rotten in the inside...

- Have you ever heard of these apples? Boy they look good on the outside... But when you ~~put~~ your teeth in them -- Ptah!!! What do you do? You throw the whole thing away --
- That's what we were before we got saved + that's the kinda fruit we bore. ~~But at the same~~ What are you now ashamed?
- I thought I was doing good when I was lost... but then I found that in our dwellings we do good things. I found out that there's none good. We not one... And I am ashamed --
- But ~~that's not~~ though bad fruit is all we bore --
bad fruit is all you CAN bear --
- Why because dogs don't give birth to baby ~~cats~~ kittens
And cats don't give birth to little puppies --
- Is not possible --
- I believe that's what Paul is getting at when he gets into Christ
- Now chapter 7:1-3 are 3 similar verses that cast a shadow on a lot of people's decisions in life... and that's the topic of divorce + remarriage... and there's a lot to be said about that topic... There's a broad spectrum on what people believe on this issue... There's a lot of ideas as to what is ok + what is not ok --

- And this text here is used many times to teach or preach on the issue...
- The problem with using this text to ~~teach~~ ^{instruct on} this ~~is~~ ^{topic} is that Paul is not instructing on this topic...
- Paul is preaching about ^{the} fruit of a Christian... He talks about the wages of sin is death & the gift of God is eternal life...
- It's not rebuking or instructing the readers on whether or not it's okay to remain if your husband/wife is still alive...
- In fact, he says, "Know ye not brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law."
- So whom Paul was writing to were #1 brethren & #2 they knew the law...
- He wasn't trying to teach them something that they already know. He was using what they knew to teach them about fruitfulness...
- So with that being said... to understand the scripture, it makes no difference what you think is okay or not okay...
- This is America, you can believe what you want...
- ^{But to understand the lesson} What matters ~~is~~ ~~as~~ ~~fruitfulness~~ ~~goes~~ is what Paul & the brethren believe...
- And it's very clear what Paul & the brethren believe... about
2nd
marriage
- It doesn't matter what your circumstances are...
- It doesn't matter how horrible & wicked your spouse is or was.

It doesn't matter if you've been divorced for 30 years or 30 years
It doesn't matter how big your 2nd wedding is...

It doesn't matter if it was in the synagogue or the justice of
the peace...

It doesn't matter how many children you have on this ^{2nd} marriage
It doesn't matter how happy you are or how blessed you feel.

" If (Paul says) while her husband liveth, she be married
to another man, she shall be called an adulteress. --- "

Now you can get mad and throw a fit, but that's what
Paul & the brethren believed (or knew) and there ain't
anything you can do to change that. ---

- You're gonna have to take that up with Paul when you
see him in heaven ---

~~What is critical~~ ^{now} What is critical for fruit, good fruit, is that there must
be a death... If there's ~~no~~ ^{no} death... there can
never be good fruit. ---

- And that's what Paul is trying to get across --- As long
as that husband is alive... if that woman marries
another man or falls in love or whatever... she is
an adulteress. Because there is only one way to be
loosed from the law & that's death. ---

- And according to the law (as Paul & the brethren understood it)
she is bound to the law to her husband so long
as he liveth. ---

- You are bound to produce bad fruit... until you are loosed from the law...
- That's why Paul brings up remarriage -- A second marriage does not erase the 1st.
- Likewise a reformed life doesn't erase a previous life... You can try all you want to produce better fruit, but you're bound ^{by the law} to bear bad fruit...
- There's only one way to be loosed -- and that's death -- (Missed 1st Base)
 Hey John 12:24 Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but IF IT DIES, it bringeth forth much fruit!!!
- There's only one way to deal with bad fruit... and that's the cross of Calvary...
- "Whosoever of brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ..."
- It's the death of Christ that frees us... there must be a death... **MUST**
- Don't try to live the life ⁱⁿ Christ until you've died the death ⁱⁿ Christ --
- If you have -- "that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead -- that we should bring forth fruit unto God --"
- We need to be in a position where we couldn't bring forth fruit ^{WASN'T EVEN} unto holiness. We couldn't bear good fruit... ^{LAND}

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BAD ~~FRUIT~~ LAND, BAD FRUIT

Bottom ~~FRUIT~~ LAND

WORTH TRYING!
- OUR LAND
- SPT YORK

- But news, we can -- we can end it's day, to try --

- Not everybody is the same -- But sometimes, (may times)

- I find myself afraid to try --

- I'm afraid of what's gonna come out --

- Ah.. but it's not me that bring the fruit but him --

- "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live --

Yet Not I, but Christ /with in me.!!!

- [Horse example]

- TRAINING vs BREEDING

- Hypodermis

QH/Pony vs QH/QH

"Be confident of these very things,
that he which hath begun a good work
in you (me) will perform it until
the day of Jesus Christ --"

- TRAINING WILL ONLY GET US SO FAR, ^{there must be something in the} inside --

- MUST BE BRED RIGHT -- AND GOD GIVES US THIS OPPORTUNITY --

- Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God..."

- "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"