

GOOD FRUITS
Matthew 7: 16-18

The fruits of the true preacher are a clear, simple declaration of Christ and him crucified coupled with a patient endurance to wait on the power of God to make the word effectual. This good fruit begins and continues the same way, with the Word of Truth (James 1: 17, 18.) There is no variableness, neither shadow of turning with God. The Word created his children in eternity in Christ the Covenant Word, the Word created the heavens and the earth, the Word said let there be light and there was light, the Word gave the law, the prophets and the psalms, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, the Word preached the Word of Truth, the Word by himself purged our sins and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, the Word speaks a new creation of life and light in dead sinners, the Word builds them up into Christ the Word, and the Word, at last will give them the inheritance among all his saved children. (Ephesians 1; Genesis 1: 3; 2 Corinthians 4: 6.) Those begotten of the Word of Truth know that Christ Jesus is the Power and Wisdom of God unto salvation. Through this unmistakable Power of God, God's true prophets are persuaded that this same Word of Truth which quickened them, rebuked them, turned them, and set them believing on Christ is the Way God continues to call out every wretch he saves. There is no variableness or turning with God. It is by this same Word that he continues to preserve us unto the day of glory throughout this life of faith. Seeing that they have this hope, Christ's Ambassador declare the Word in plainness of speech, without leaving man room to glory. The whole Word of scripture is the single message of Christ and him crucified. Whether it is a sinner unconverted or a brother who is in error, God's messenger brings glad tidings, of good things, publishing salvation, saying to all, "Thy God reigneth!" (James 1: 21.) And because he knows the engrafted word is able to save the soul, Christ's ambassador patiently endures all things as he waits on the Word to raise up, even from the dead.