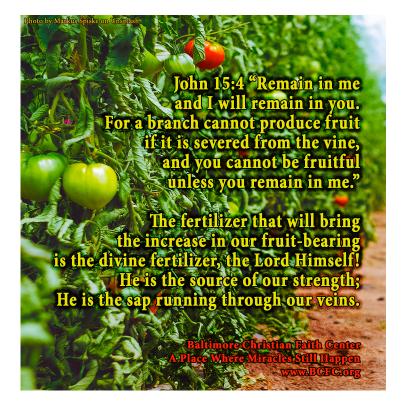
## **Divine Fertilizer!!** Pastor's Desk – July 29, 2018



We all know that when we plant anything if the soils are fertile, we will have a good crop. If we irrigate with good fertilizer, we will have a bountiful crop! The Lord Jesus Christ spoke about how we Bible believers may have an abundant and plentiful life producing lots of fruits!

When we came to Christ our Savior, we became "a new creation". 2 Cor. 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away." The old unfruitful life we lived outside of God's realm is gone! We have the nature of God borne in us and will lead to a productive life as a result of a decision that we must make!

In giving final instructions to His disciples, our Lord let them in on the secret to have a bountiful, merry and fruitful life; "Remain connected to Him" as a branch can't of itself produce any fruits, so we also must make a decision to willingly remain connected to Christ. One will ask: How do I do that? By choosing to remain connected to Him.

We read John 15:4 "Remain in me and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me." The fertilizer that will bring the increase in our fruit-bearing is the divine fertilizer, the Lord Himself! He is the source of our strength; He is the sap running through our veins, He is the liquid vitamin that needs to become stronger and fruit producing. As a token of appreciation for that decision of remaining connected to Him, there is a promise of answering every prayer we make! "…you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" John 15:7.

I believe it's time for every one of Jesus' followers to jump on the bandwagon and live a life of total dependency in Him. A life care- and worry-free and in so doing, the fruits we will produce will be long lasting fruits (John 15:16) because it has been fed straight from the vine Himself (Jesus). Let's make the decision to remain connected to Him and tap in on all the benefits of being connected with Him and the full benefits of a fruitful life that comes with it!

In His service,

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