

## **You Shall Know them by their fruits!!**

I would like to start this month of by “quoting” a pastor from a few years ago I went to his church and regularly you would hear the Pastor preaching and quoting “You shall know them by their fruit and not their suit” to his congregation. This same man today preaches the opposite “if you don’t have victory, wealth or good things in your life, you lack in faith”! I am not going to go into any more than that, but also share a bible quote here that was sent to me in a letter some time ago **1Jn 3:14** *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1Jn 3:15* *Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.* I have had a bit of a struggle over the last few months, while some were blatantly criticizing me for different reasons, others were patting me on the back and telling me they were amazed at the acceptance that Bikers 4 Christ has in the bike scene.

Some have said I have done well, but I say, **you** have done well! All those who ride or walk or drive and wear your Bikers 4 Christ shirt or happen to mention Bikers 4 Christ when helping someone, it has been you who has the fruit, the good fruit! Some look at me as the leader or something of Bikers 4 Christ which I am not, as there is none, we are all the same, just Bikers for Christ, together we have worked and shared the love of Jesus with many.

I am not one to be accepting of glory, it is God who should get all the glory and honour and praise, not me, not any man at that! Over the passed few months I have taken some friends, some were Christians some were not, to bike rides or rallies etc, on each occasion at the end of the day that friend would say, “I am impressed at how many people know you and respect you, you are doing a great job”. Those same people will probably read this as well, let me put it in perspective, it is not what I have done, it is what the Lord has done with the help of many. Many bikers know me through me being a marriage celebrant and chaplain, as well as helping out a few different groups at different times as I felt led. Some of these same bikers have said to me “Bikers 4 Christ are the real deal, you blokes are real, ya never bag anyone, ya never bible bash us, but at the same time you are there when we need you”.

That is what I like to hear, those words from the unsaved. It is not that we wear suits, or ride the latest Harley or live in the flashiest house or brag about what we have done, it is the fact that you and I together have helped so many over the years and it has now come to blossom in the way that we are well liked amongst many bike clubs. Lately, many have moved on, or their bikes are off the road, or some have simply moved away. I have not been able to answer the call for help when it rang out many times, I have declined many offers to go here or there and made up probably a lame excuse for it.

Before this year is out, I would like to just thank everyone who has helped even in the smallest of ways, like someone let me put their testimony in the newsletter recently, an unsaved person happened to read it and said how they could identify with that persons life, they said that it got them thinking. A few have put finances in and that has gone to help some as well, many have stopped what they were doing and prayed when I have forwarded on a emergency prayer request, every little thing you the reader have done in the name of the Lord and doing it as a biker for Christ has had a good effect on those who watch us, and there are many!

Like that pastor said, “you shall know them by their fruit” I know you by your fruit and it has been good! There are still people out there who do not like me and criticise me, that is their life, good luck to them. Someone said to me recently “Roscoe, I hope you don’t mind me saying this but you look like crap”. This was a very good friend of mine, and that day had a very profound effect on me, why? Because I felt like crap too, I didn’t realise I was headed for burn out again, only the early stages, but I was letting all the cares of the world get to me. But another good friend also was used by the Lord recently at a rally to show me, that there is no need to toil and work the sweat of our brow to do things for the Lord. That was part of the fall of Adam, we have been redeemed by Jesus, so now I can decline offers of rides and rallies and all the things of this life without trying to make up some lame excuse.

I have so many things on my heart that I want to do, but only one thing I will do, hopefully I will do the will of God and what he would have me do. How has your life been lately? Do you feel a little the same, then sit back and take a breath and start looking at things from a different perspective, don’t look at how much you are involved in or what you do or where you go, but take a look at the things you have done, places you have been and check the fruit, is there good fruit or bad fruit? I think you will see there is good. Everyone has bad fruit in their life at some stage or another, but the honest fruits of your labour you will find are mostly good.

I have been extremely busy this year with almost 14 marriages, it seems we have settled a little and are not as active as we were, that is OK, I need the break! I just want to say thank you, to everyone who has helped in any little way. Thanks a million, God Bless you. **Continued....**