



JESUS: OUR FRUITFUL VINE

Galatians 5:13-26 & John 15:1-17

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Roadmap

Jesus:
Our Exemplar

Remaining

Pruning

Loving

Jesus: Our Exemplar



LOVE: Paul, the disciples, Lazarus' family, the rich man, us!

JOY: In his birth, resurrection, ascension, exaltation

PEACE: 'Prince of Peace', effected peace between Gentiles and Jews, effects our peace with God

PATIENCE: Steadfastness/endurance, forbearance/forgiveness

Jesus: Our Exemplar



KINDNESS: 'The kindness of God', mercy toward humanity

GOODNESS: The good news bringer, 'The good shepherd'

FAITHFULNESS: As witness, High Priest & Son, effects our righteousness, access to God, new life, justification

GENTLENESS: 'gentle and humble in heart', 'our passover lamb'

SELF-CONTROL: Precise response to temptation, resolve



Remaining:
Life Through Jesus

I am the vine;
you are the
branches.
The one who
remains in me
- and I in him -
bears much
fruit, because
apart from
me you can
accomplish
nothing.

Remaining: Life Through Jesus



⁴ **Remain in me**, and I will **remain in you**. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **remains in the vine**, so neither can you unless you **remain in me**.

⁵ The one who **remains in me**—and I in him—bears much fruit...

⁶ If anyone **does not remain in me**, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up...

⁷ If you **remain in me** and **my words remain in you**, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

⁹ "Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; **remain in my love**."

¹⁰ If you obey my commandments, you will **remain in my love**...

He takes
away every
branch that
does not
bear fruit in
me.
He prunes
every branch
that bears
fruit so that it
will bear
more fruit.

Pruning:
Growth Through Loss



Pruning: Growth Through Loss



Maintain
Health &
Aesthetics

Encourage
Flower & Fruit
Production

Rejuvenate
Old or
Overgrown
Plants

Control
Growth

Create
Special
Forms

Protect
People &
Property



Loving:
Fruit Through Obedience

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. This I command you - to love one another.

Loving: Fruit Through Obedience



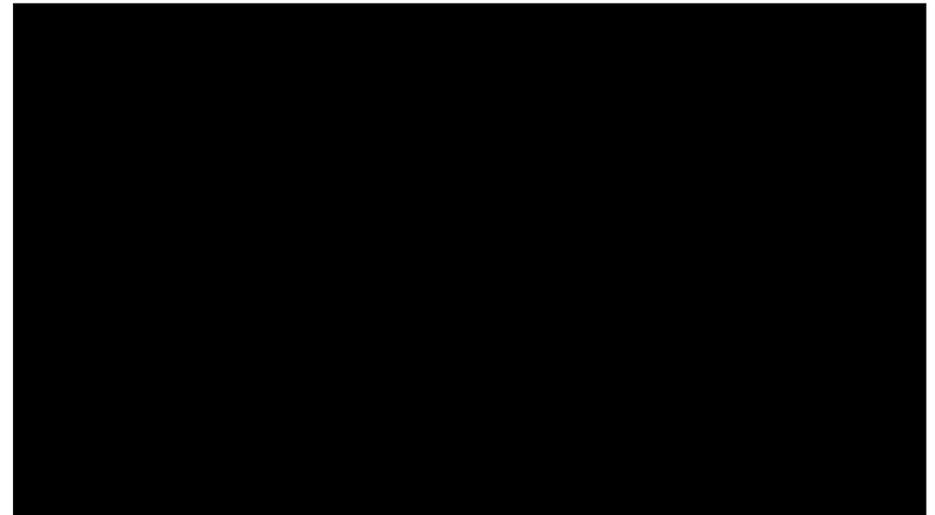
⁹ "Just as the Father has **loved me**, I have also **loved you**; remain in my **love**.

¹⁰ If you **obey** my **commandments**, you will remain in **my love**, just as I have **obeyed** my Father's **commandments** and remain in **his love**.

¹² My **commandment** is this—to **love one another** just as I have **loved you**.

¹³ No one has greater **love** than this—that one lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I **command** you.

¹⁷ This I **command** you—to **love one another**.



Galatians 5:7-10



Do not be deceived. God will not be made a fool. For a person will reap what he sows, because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.