

### Isaiah 5

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes....

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.  
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

### Isaiah 11

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

### Isaiah 27

In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan  
the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is  
in the sea.

<sup>2</sup> On that day,  
“A vineyard of beauty, sing of it!

<sup>3</sup> I, the LORD, am its keeper;  
I water it every moment.

So that no one will damage it,  
I guard it night and day...

... <sup>7</sup> In days to come Jacob shall take root,  
Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots  
and fill the whole world with fruit.

### John 15

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in  
the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me  
you can do nothing.

# GALATIANS 5



## THE FRUITFUL LIFE

What does real growth and change look like? The Bible describes an organic process in which the quality of Jesus' own life is cultivated, by his Spirit, in the lives of his followers. This quality of life is not a list of virtues that we accomplish but "fruit" produced in us by the Holy Spirit as we actively delight in and rest in Jesus. While this fruit has many dimensions, each dimension grows in relationship to the others to increasingly form us as a whole person.

This "fruit" is the type of life we were originally designed to live but is now produced against the backdrop of a world marred by sin. As this fruit develops, it blesses those around us and creates a community that is a glimpse of the world to come—a community filled with individuals who are both unique in themselves and being conformed to the image of Jesus.

Join us this Fall as we explore how this life of Jesus is cultivated in the life of his people and how this may lead you to a more Christlike version of yourself.

## Galatians 5

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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**2 Corinthians 3** <sup>18</sup>But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

# The Fruitful Life

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