### **Spiritual Fruitfulness**



### John 15:16

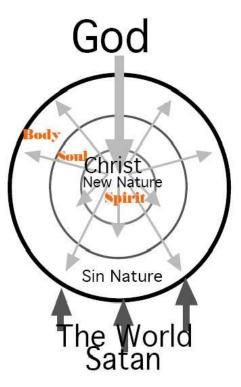
"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

## Description of a Fruitful Life

- Fruit has been described as "The outward expression of the inward nature." In other words, apple trees produce apples, not oranges! So what kind of fruit are Christians supposed to produce?
- Since the inward nature of Christians is Christ, the fruit of Christians is the expression of the Person of Christ and His Work!

## Description of a Fruitful Life

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23



*Love*: God's unconditional love characterized by self-sacrifice .

**Joy**: God's joy not based on material things but on spiritual blessings.

**Peace**: the tranquility based on God's sovereign love and acceptance.

**Patience**: enduring unfair treatment by other people, as Christ did.

*Kindness*: treating others with the same kindness God has shown us.

*Goodness*: expressing the moral purity and righteousness of God.

*Faithfulness*: being as trustworthy as God.

- *Gentleness*: displaying God's humility in our dealing with others.
- **Self-Control**: experiencing God's control over our fleshly desires.

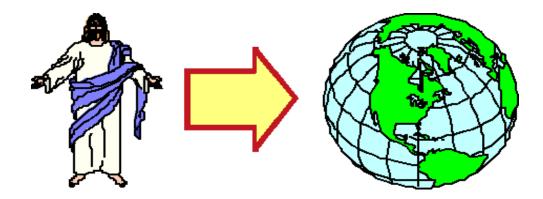
**Pray** for each quality to become a reality in your life.

#### Christ's Work

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."* Luke 19:10

*"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Matthew 20:28

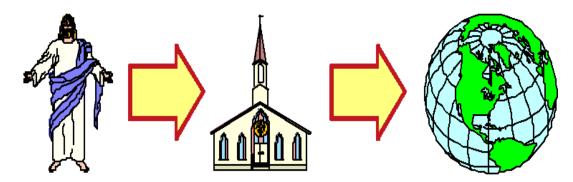
*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* John 10:10



The primary reasons Jesus came was to give His life as payment for sin, to rescue sinners from eternal death, and proclaim the Gospel of God's grace..

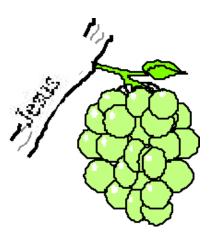
#### • Our Work

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15



#### • Key to Fruitfulness

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15:5



Remain in Christ by :

- Confessing al sins and claiming 1 John 1:9
- Allowing Christ to fill you!

#### AFFIRMATION

- My life is an expression of the Person of Christ!
- I live to do Christ's work.
- Christ's life flows through me.
- I am the good soil and bear much fruit.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Vine and I am a branch. You alone possess life, and all that is good flows from You. May Your life flow through mine that I may display You, and Your works, through me. In Jesus' Name. Amen"