

John 15:1-13 / Galatians 5:22-23 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

In the foundational verses of this series, the words "bear fruit" are spoken by Christ six times. Bearing fruit is the outcome or produce of abiding in Christ. God desires that each of us bear "much fruit." Through study and recognizing the unity of scripture, we find that the fruit God wants us to bear is the same Fruit of the Spirit identified in Galatians 5:22-23.

The Fruit of the Spirit is singular. The Fruit of the Spirit is **LOVE**. The love God wants the believer to bear is the same love He has shown to us through Christ Jesus. So there are not nine fruits of the Spirit, but ONE fruit with multiple characteristics.

¹JOY, ²PEACE, ³PATIENCE, ⁴KINDNESS, ⁵GOODNESS, ⁶FAITHFULNESS, ⁷GENTLENESS, ⁸SELF-CONTROL, ⁹SELF-SACRIFICE

Living as abiding branches, the Body of Christ exists to bear fruit (LOVE) and <u>distribute</u> it daily to those we encounter. The more we abide, the more fruit we bear, the more God's love spreads **EXPONENTIALLY** to the world.

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