Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

Isaiah 60:1-5 NATIONS WILL COME TO OUR LIGHT...KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF OUR RISING... GOSPEL OF JOHN: Repent, for the Kingdom is at hand...

- Have sins washed away, but you get dirty again right away. Like OT Law Gospel of Jesus: Repent, come follow me...
- Learn a new way of life, but like follow the leader with someone who can do the impossible

John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the

Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Gospel of Peter/ Apostles: Repent and be baptized...and you will receive the Holy Spirit

Now you will have the power to be transformed from within—then live supernaturally holy

Mat 7:17-18 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

The fruit of the Spirit is not merely godly character. Is the supernatural ability to live like Jesus.

Gal 5:19-23

- ➤ Deeds of the flesh...fruit of the Spirit only a good tree can say this .You have to WORK at sinning ➤ You cannot fake it: religion tries to hang fake/ purchased fruit on the tree
- All self-righteousness is of this nature. Only the Spirit can produce the Fruit of the Spirit
- ➤ It cannot be done by the strength and willpower of human effort.

Bearing fruit: two ways to maintain a healthy tree

In order to produce more fruit, we do not endeavor to do better religious dead works. Rather, we feed our root system on good things, and allow the Lord to prune out of our lives whatever he sees fit.

- 1. Feeding it. What goes in the roots ends up in the fruits.
 - ➤ What does your Spirit love to eat?!?
 - Feeding on His word and His presence. Intimacy. Worship.
- 2. Pruning it. The shears are coming whether we do well or not. John 15:1-2 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.
 - Branches = anything that uses our time, energy, money
 Q: DO WE WANT TO BE PRUNED FOR
 LOOKS OR FOR FRUIT?













- ➤ Dead branches = sinful endeavors. fruitless works of darkness. Only cut off by the spirit.
 - Rom 8:13 ... but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
 - ➤ Pruning the roots also makes them grow deeper for more reliable source ➤ Fruitful branches waste of energy/ life of the tree
- The master of the vineyard will always seek to help us live like Jesus: Only doing what we see the Father doing!

Matt's testimony