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# Transformation

“*Transformation* demands more than a momentary experience of love. It demands sufficient basking in this love that being deeply loved becomes the foundation of your identity.”

—David Benner, *Surrender To Love*

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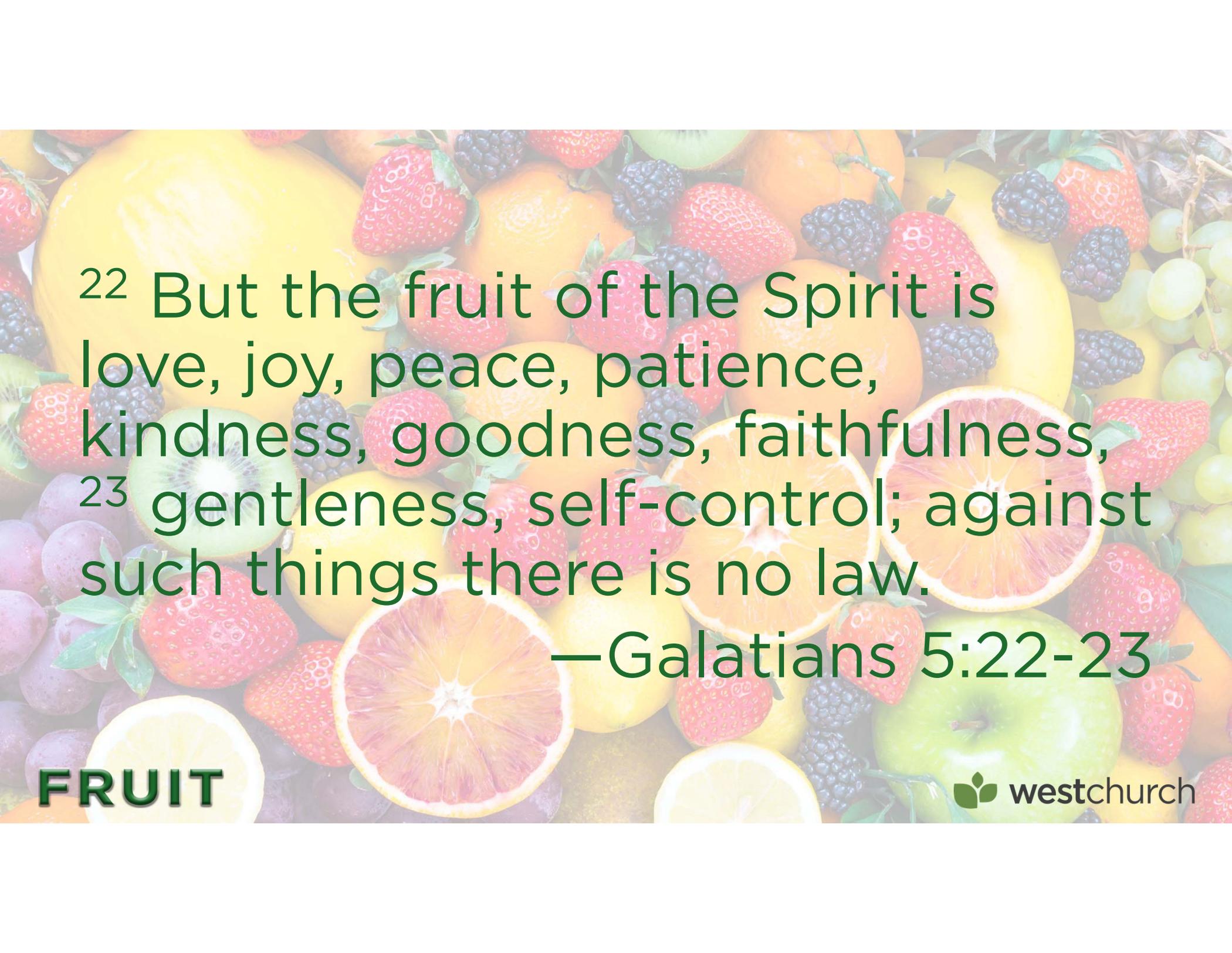
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—Ephesians 3:16-19

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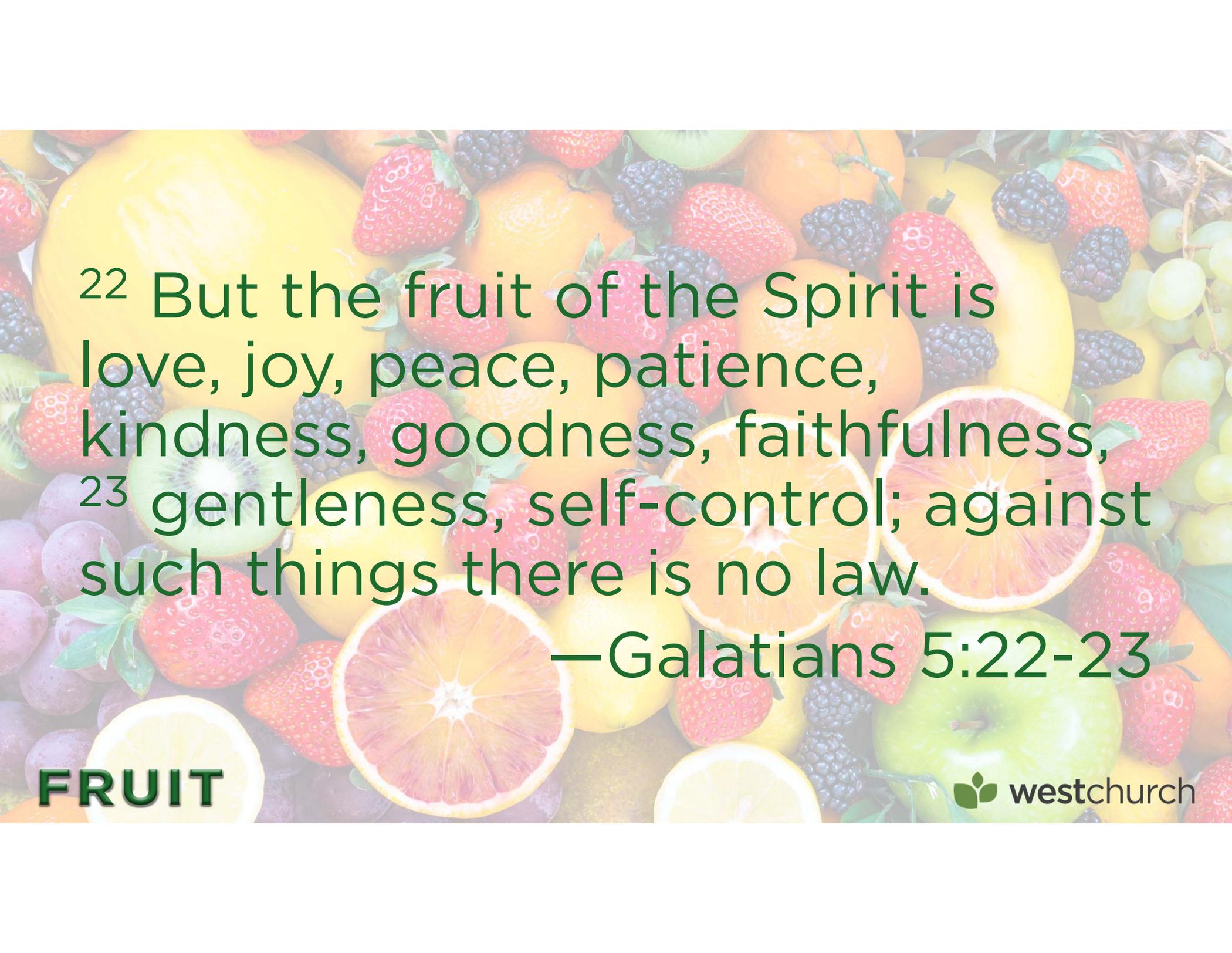
<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. ***I warn you***, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

—Galatians 5:19-21

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—John 15:1-5

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<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us *in Christ*  
with every spiritual blessing in  
the heavenly places,

—Ephesians 1:3

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<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. ***He will dwell with them***, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

—Revelation 21:3

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<sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

—2 Corinthians 6:16

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

—Galatians 5:24

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<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit,  
and you will not gratify the  
desires of the flesh.

[...]

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us  
also keep in step with the Spirit.

—Galatians 5:16,25

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<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.

—Galatians 5:17

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<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

—Romans 8:11

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<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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<sup>3</sup> For you died, and *your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

—Colossians 3:3

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<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—Galatians 2:20

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<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come: The  
old has gone, the new is here!

—2 Corinthians 5:17

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<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have **loved** them ***even as*** you have **loved** me.

—John 17:23

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## Big Idea

If we want to bear the fruit of love, we need to rest in God's deep love for us.

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