



FRUITFULNESS
ON THE FRONTLINE.

Making Good Work

6 Expressions of Fruitfulness

1. Modeling Godly Character
- 2. Making Good Work*
3. Ministering Grace & Love
4. Molding Culture
5. Mouthpiece for Truth & Justice
6. Messenger of the Gospel

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Created In God's Image

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

- Genesis 1:27-28



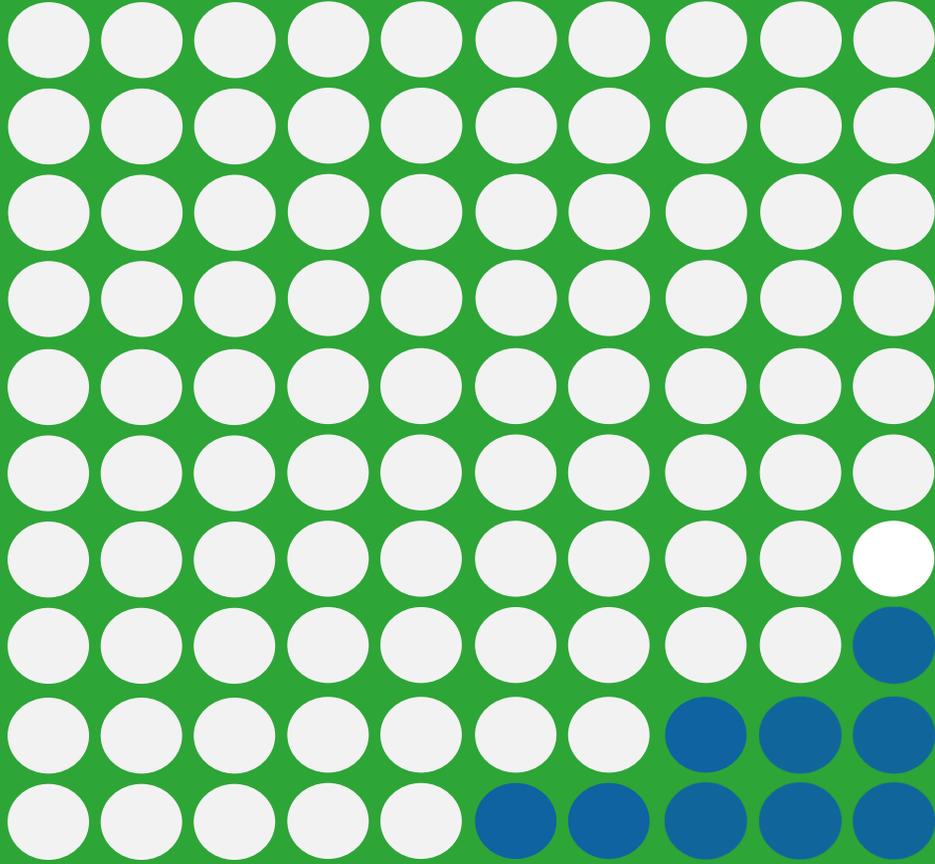
Christ The Image of God

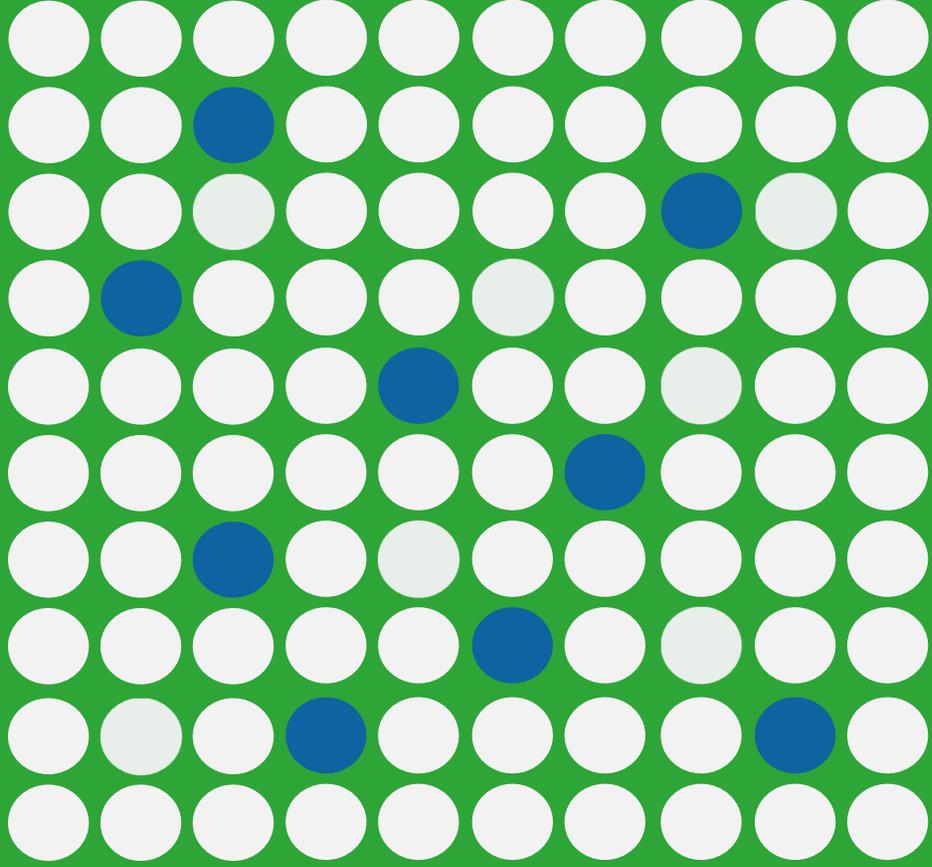
3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and *the exact representation of his being*, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

- Hebrews 1:3



GATHERED CHURCH





SCATTERED CHURCH

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God Created Us To Work

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. [..]

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

- Genesis 2:8,15



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2. There is a problem with work
(Genesis 3:17-19)

The Problem With Work

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; *through painful toil* you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

18 It will produce *thorns and thistles* for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By *the sweat of your brow* you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”



A More Satisfying View of Work

6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

- Ephesians 6:6 ESV



Serving An Audience of One

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as *working for the Lord*, not for human masters,

24 since you know that you will receive an
inheritance from the Lord as a reward. *It is the Lord
Christ you are serving.*

- Colossians 3:23-24



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18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, *are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory*, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

- 2 Corinthians 3:18



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Rest in Christ Even As You Work

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- Matthew 11:28-29



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