

Thrive In the Vine

March 11th , 2018

1. In what ways are you thriving—what aspects of you walk with God are going well? In what areas are you not thriving, but want to?
2. What does it mean that you're already “clean” (v.3)? If you’ve **already** been pruned/purged, why do you have to keep being tended by the vine dresser (the Father)?
3. Verse 6 warns against not abiding. Abiding isn’t about feelings, but about holding on to Christ at all costs—how have you continued to abide though difficult times?

Look further:

Read Isaiah 5:1-7

4. How does Jesus bring hope to this bleak-outlook on the future of God’s people? Look specifically at Isaiah 5:7 and compare the “vine” to John 15:1.
5. Sometimes God’s people (even us!) still bear bad fruit today. How does God deal with it now? How is John 15:1-11 a solution to the problem of Isaiah 5:1-7?



Highlights:

“Constant and total dependence on Jesus is the only path to a meaningful life.”

“Heavy pruning produced the best fruit.”

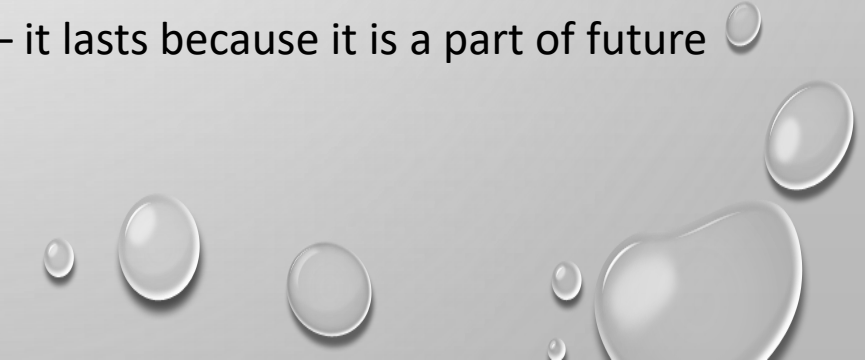
Good fruit is: anything that signifies that the KINGDOM OF GOD is among us.

the outcome of using spiritual gifts,

the outcome of obeying Jesus teaching to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves,

good fruit looks like love joy peace patience kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness and self-control.

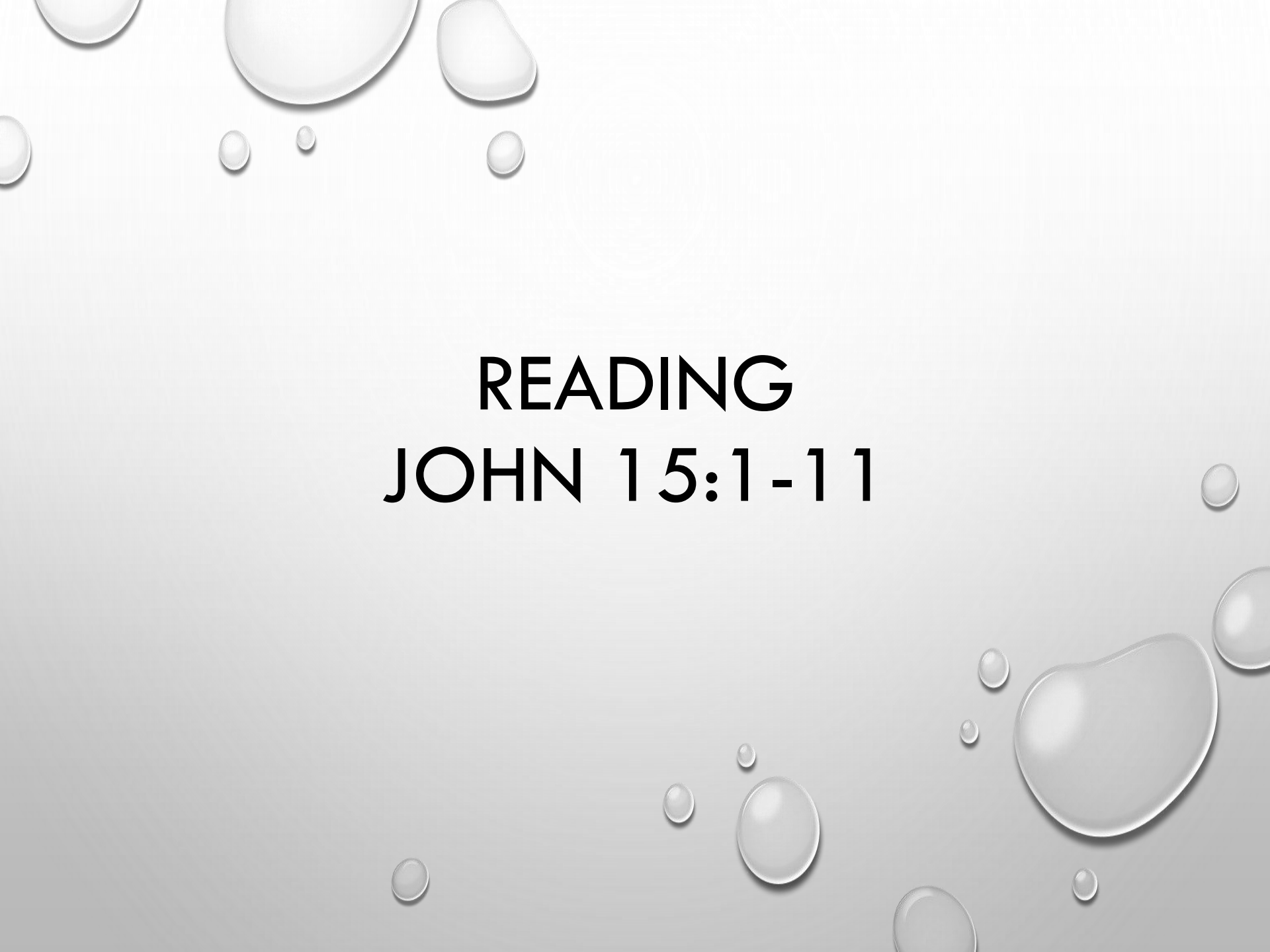
Good fruit is the evidence of new creation – it lasts because it is a part of future glory in the present age



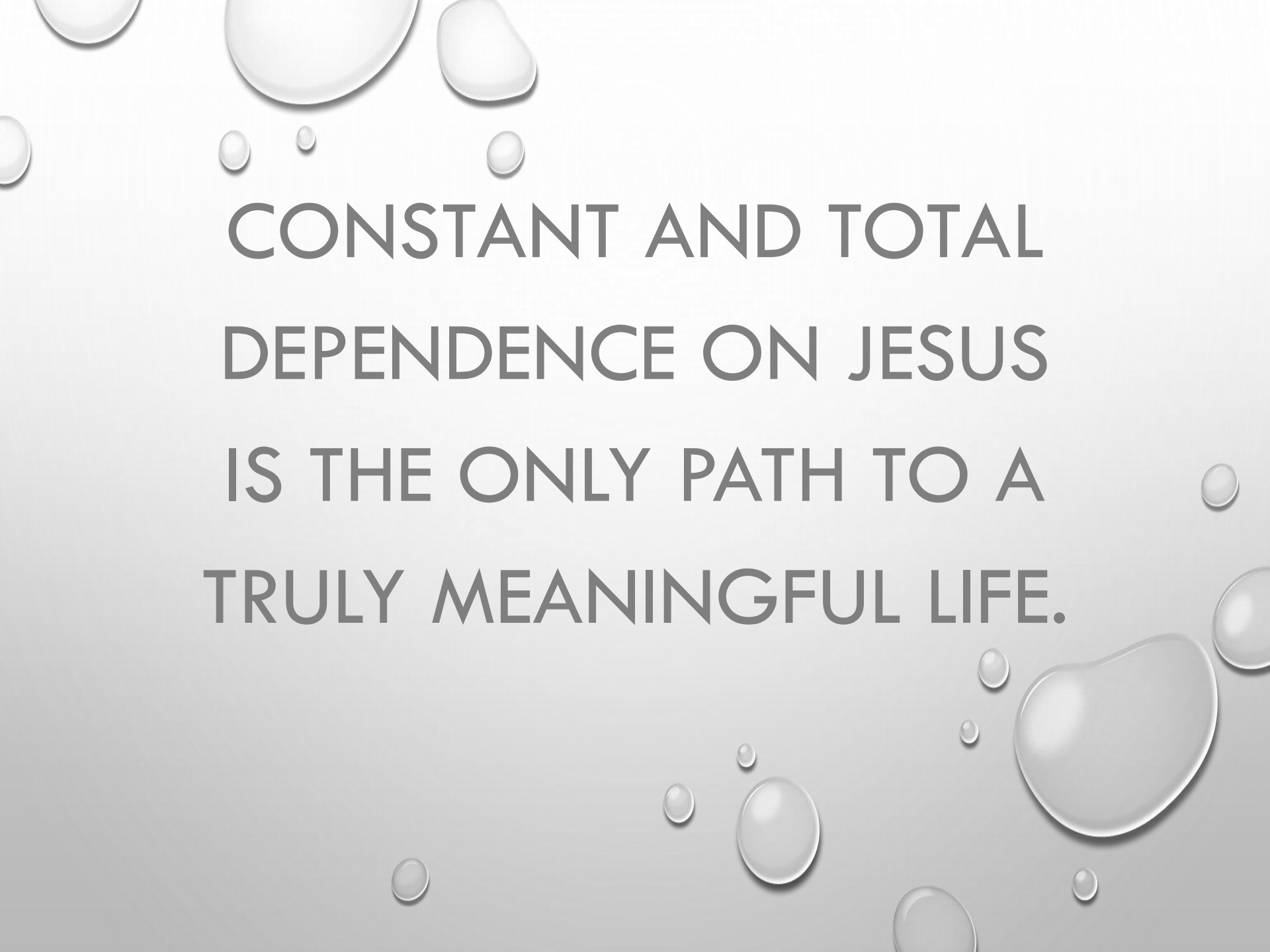
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THRIVE IN THE VINE

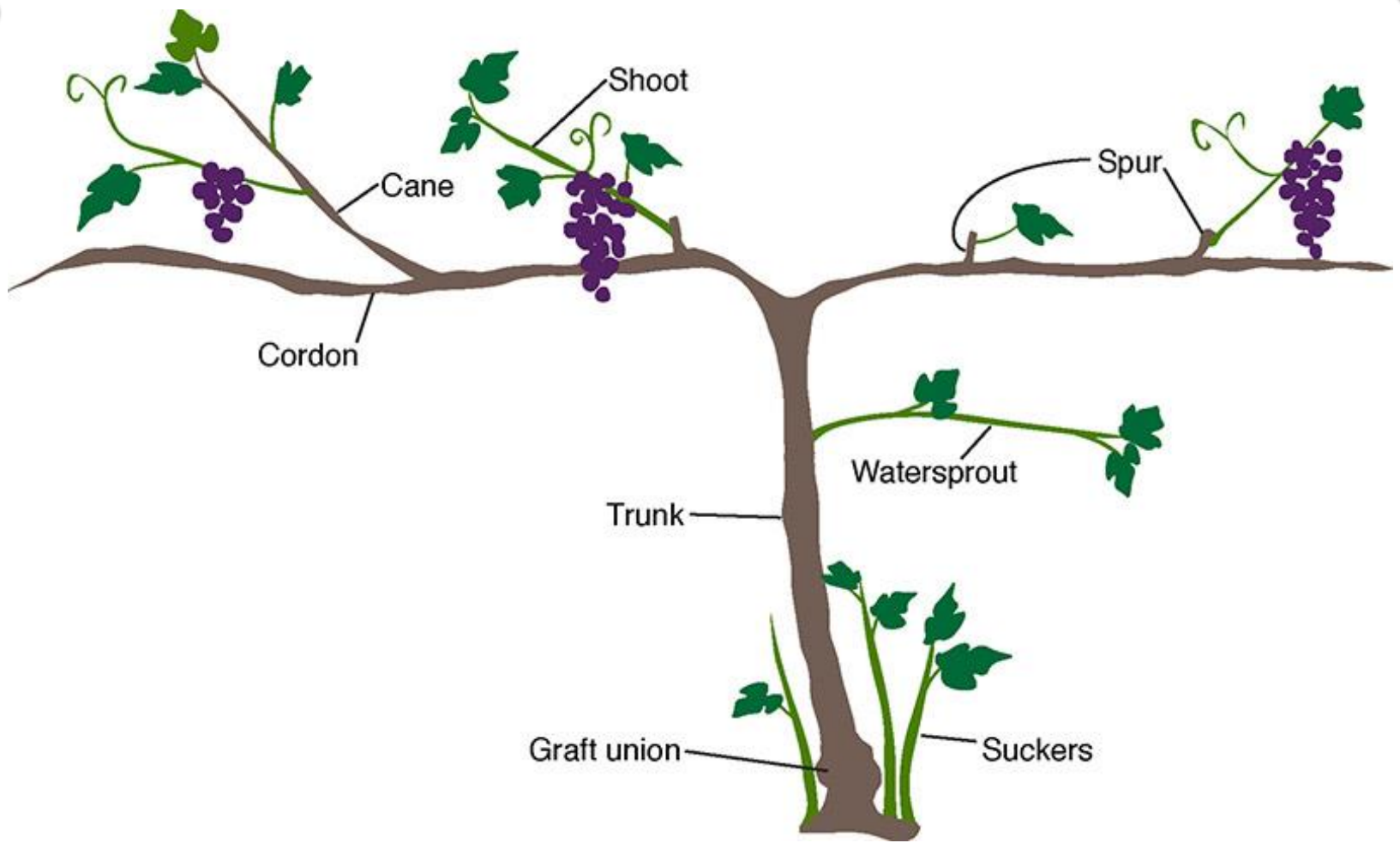
JOHN 15:1-8


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READING
JOHN 15:1-11

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CONSTANT AND TOTAL
DEPENDENCE ON JESUS
IS THE ONLY PATH TO A
TRULY MEANINGFUL LIFE.





PART 1: ABIDE


REMAIN, CONTINUE, ENDURE





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**THE COMMAND COMES WITH A
PROMISE: JESUS IS WITH YOU.**



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HEAVY PRUNING PROVIDES THE BEST
FRUIT.

LIGHT PRUNING RESULTS IN LARGE
YIELDS OF POOR-QUALITY FRUIT; VERY
HEAVY PRUNING PRODUCES TOO
MUCH VEGETATIVE GROWTH AND VERY
LITTLE OR NO FRUIT.

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HOW DOES HE PRUNE?

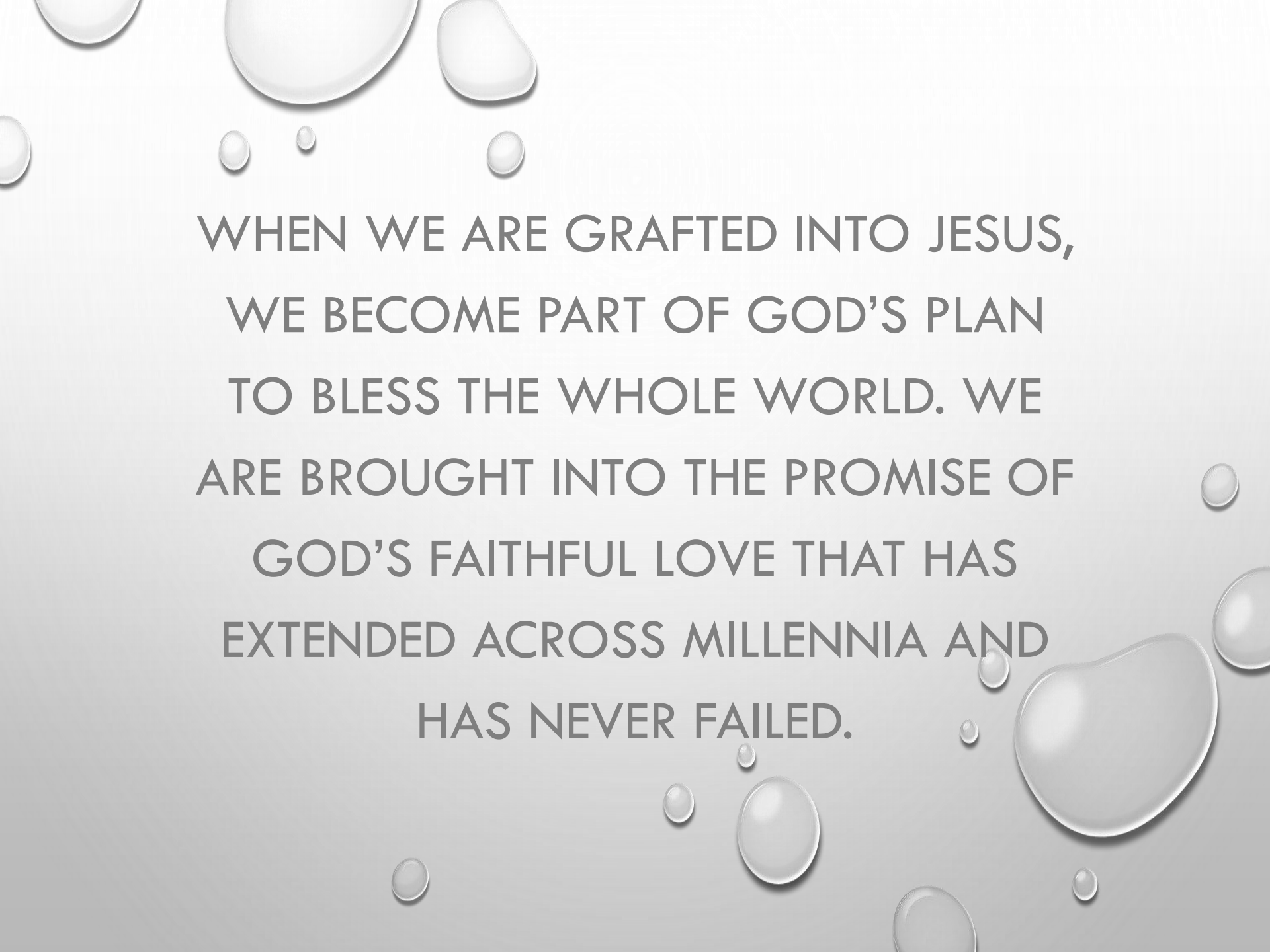
- CLEANING/ PURGING/ REMOVING
HIS WORD:
 - JESUS WITH US
- THE POWER OF GOD EXPRESSED IN
SCRIPTURE



PART 2: IN ME

THE TRUE VINE



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WHEN WE ARE GRAFTED INTO JESUS,
WE BECOME PART OF GOD'S PLAN
TO BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD. WE
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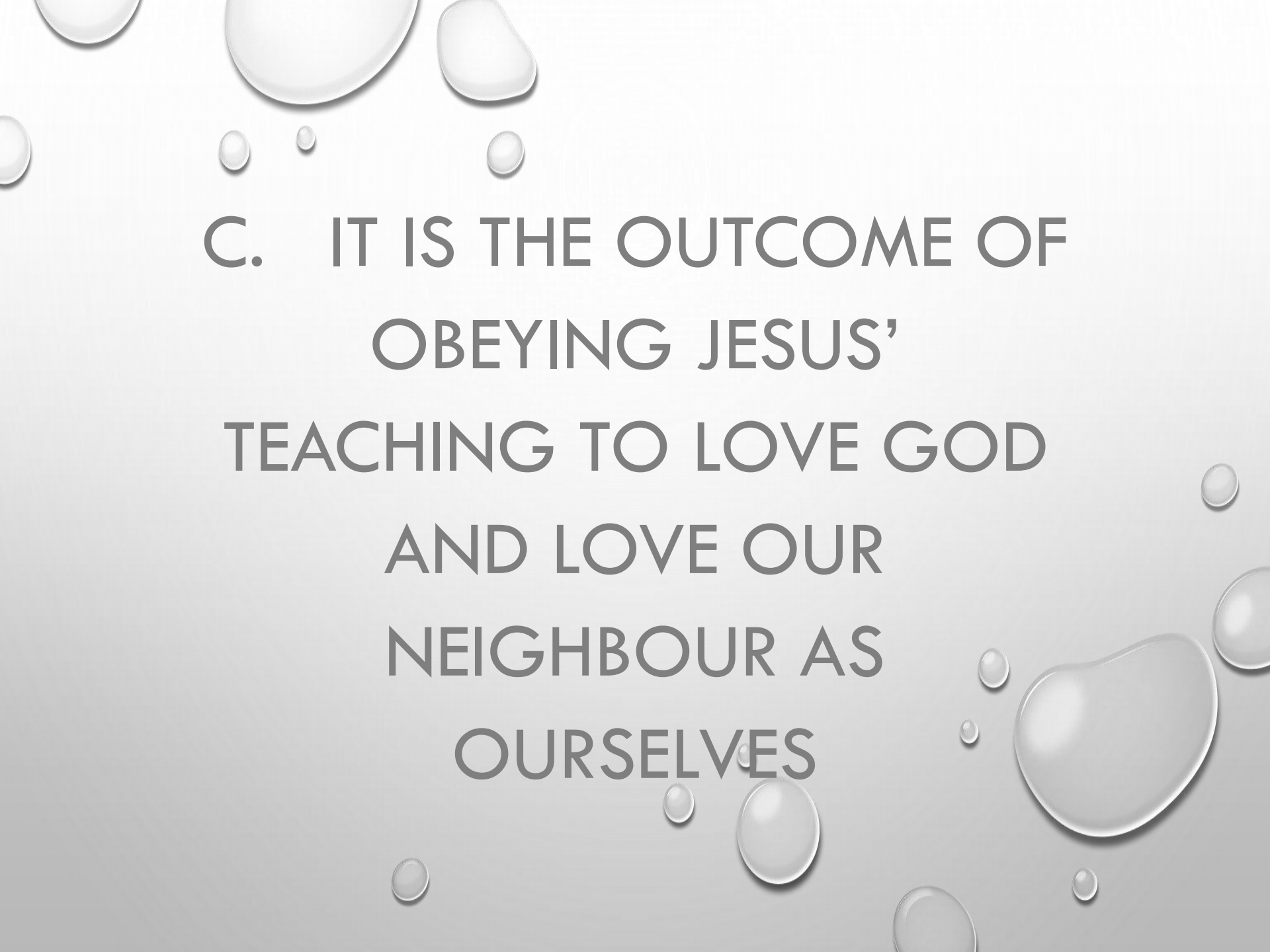


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A. GOOD FRUIT IS
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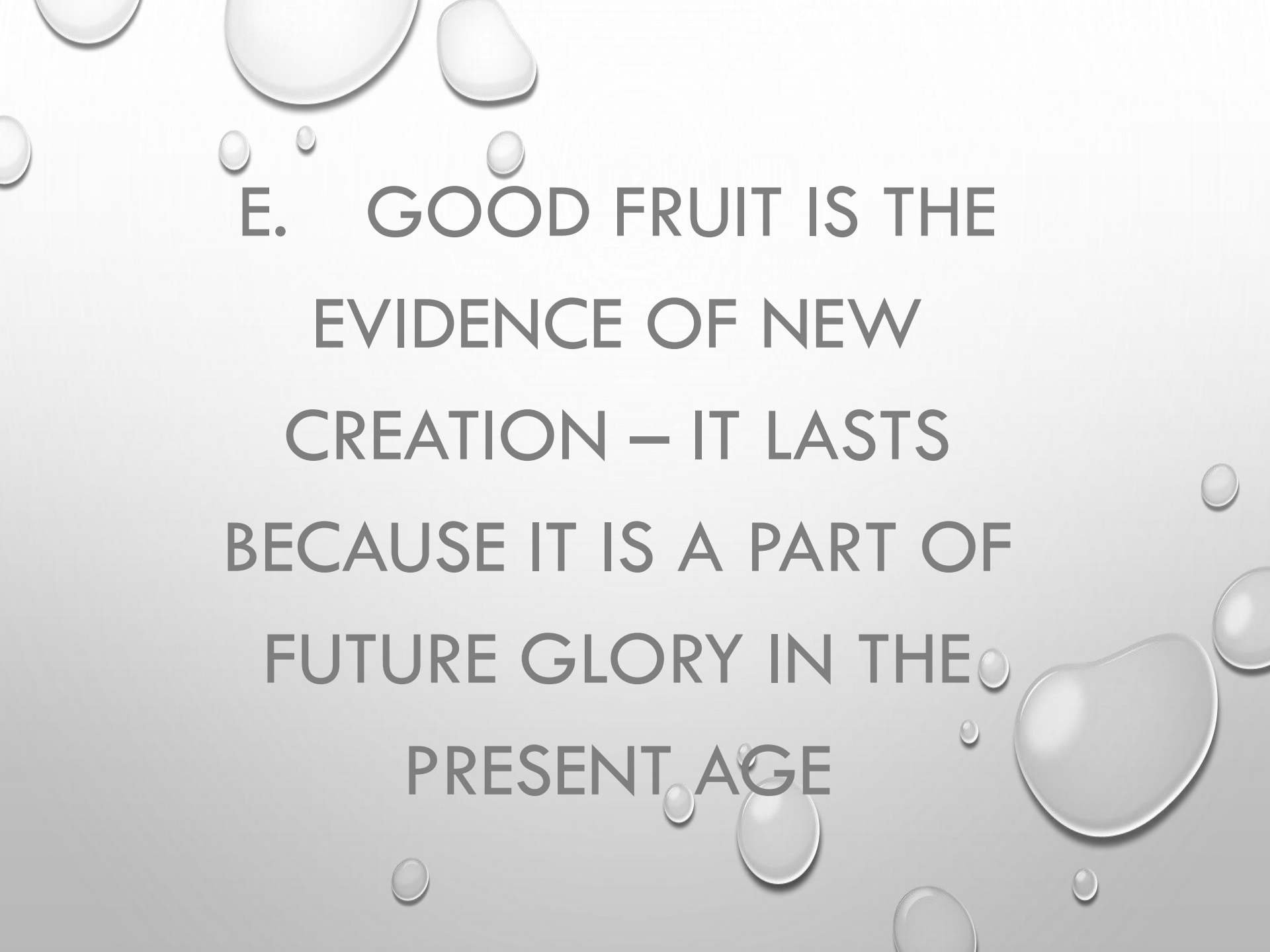
**B. IT IS THE OUTCOME OF
USING SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

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C. IT IS THE OUTCOME OF
OBEYING JESUS'
TEACHING TO LOVE GOD
AND LOVE OUR
NEIGHBOUR AS
OURSELVES

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D. GOOD FRUIT LOOKS
LIKE: LOVE/JOY/PEACE
PATIENCE/KINDNESS
GOODNESS/FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

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E. GOOD FRUIT IS THE
EVIDENCE OF NEW
CREATION – IT LASTS
BECAUSE IT IS A PART OF
FUTURE GLORY IN THE
PRESENT AGE

