

# The Gospel According to John

## “The Gifts and Fruits of Love”

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# John 14:22-24

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him,  
“Lord, what then has happened that You are going  
to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus answered and said to him,  
“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;  
and My Father will love him, and We will come to him  
and make Our abode with him.

He who does not love Me does not keep My words;  
and the word which you hear is not Mine,  
but the Father’s who sent Me.”

## **John 14:25-27**

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# John 14:28-31

“You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Now I have told you before it happens,  
so that when it happens, you may believe.

I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.

Get up, let us go from here.”

# Main Idea

Out of pure love the Father made us to be His children; and because we are, Christ loves us and gives precious gifts to us, and we love Him and bear fruits for Him.

# The Gifts and Fruits of Love

Love and the New Birth





# Essential Background

**John 3:3**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**John 3:6**

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Spiritual birth and consequent childhood are required for kingdom belonging.

You must be birthed as a child of God.

## **John 1:12-13**

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# **Love and the New Birth**

This New Birth is a result of love.

## **1 John 4:9-10**

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This life entails more than new birth,  
but it must begin there.

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Your birth into the family of God was a powerful work of recreation that was motivated by His pure love for you apart from anything you've done.

# Love and the New Birth

The New Birth is a result of love.

Love is a result of the New Birth.

# Potential for Confusion

**John 14:15, 21, 23**

**“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”**

**“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”**

**“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.”**

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We love, **because** He first loved us.

The Father first loved us and caused us to be born again, and now it is our nature as His children to love, especially to love Him.

Love is the defining characteristic of Christians; it is what distinguishes us from demons who believe.

1 John 4:8

The one who does not love does not know God,  
**for God is love.**

# The Gifts and Fruits of Love

Love and the New Birth

The gifts of Christ's love for us.



Because we are children of God and members of the covenant family, Christ loves us and gives precious gifts to us.

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The gift of the Spirit.

## **John 14:15-17 and 25-26**

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## **Acts 2:38**

Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; **and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

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Out of pure love, Christ gives the Holy Spirit for our sanctification, our instruction, and for our eternal comfort and joy.

# The Gifts of Christ's love for us.

The gift of the Spirit.

The gift of life.

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## John 5:21

“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,  
even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.”

Out of pure love, Christ gave His life that we might have life through Him, and His resurrection proved that He had indeed put death to death.

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## **Jeremiah 31:33-34**

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Christ reveals Himself, He reveals His word (the gospel), and He reveals all His words to those whom He loves.

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The gift of the Spirit.

The gift of life.

The gift of revelation.

## The gift of intimacy.

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The presence of God and  
intimate communion with Him  
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God with us is the greatest peace  
we can know or experience.

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The fruits of our love for Christ.



**Galatians 5:22**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love...**



**The fruits of our love for Christ**

Reception of His Word.

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The Holy Spirit testifies to Christ and to Christ's word, the gospel; to receive the Holy Spirit is to receive the gospel, the word of Christ.

This is what the world cannot and will not receive.

**John 14:21 and 24-26**

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To receive Christ's word is to receive Him  
and His gospel *and* all that it entails.

It is like the bride who for love of the  
groom receives his ring and in doing  
so embraces all that the ring means.



# **The fruits of our love for Christ**

Reception of His word.

**Eagerness to keep His words.**

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Keeping Christ’s word will result in an  
eagerness to keep His words.

A refusal to obey Christ or even an indifference to His words ought to trouble the soul because it is an indication that there has been no regeneration.

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**Rest in Him by faith.**

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Children of God love Christ and trust Him and turn away from the peace offered by the world, willingly receiving His comfort and rest.

# Concluding Questions:

Have you received Christ's word,  
and are you growing in your love for Him?

Are you eager to keep Christ's words,  
being motivated by love for Him?

Are you resting in Christ's promises  
and receiving His comfort in joy?