

Sunday—April 19, 2015  
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Jeremiah 31:31-40 God has promised to transform hearts in the new covenant

### **Only the Spirit Leads Us to Something New: Freedom for Fruition**

#### **Freedom for Fruition is found exclusively on the Spirit's *Path* (5:16-18)**

Opposition: you are already characterized by one of these

Flesh: merely human resources, fallen because of sin

Being led: a passive/active action within this drama

Not under law: the useless old way

#### **Freedom for Fruition results in transformation, yielding *Produce* (5:19-23)**

Apparent: it is possible to know about evil and still practice evil

sexual: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery

religious: idolatry and witchcraft

social: hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions & envy

drinking: drunkenness, orgies, and the like

Fruit: promises fulfilled, resource for new life, eschatological feast

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

Not against law: the remarkable new way

#### **Freedom for Fruition must include loving each other as a *People* (5:24-26)**

Belong: united with Jesus, our passions and desires are crucified

Empty-honor: taking advantage or making resentment

Law of Christ: bearing burdens for each other [cf. 6:2]

Discussion:

1) Where do you need God to do a new thing for you, for your freedom, for your transformation?

2) *What will it look like to protect our freedom during the church's relocation?* And what will it concretely look like—to walk the path, yield the produce, and love the people—during the transition? Try to be specific.

3) Have you had a particular practice of the flesh kept at a distance from Jesus? Discuss together what that is like, or else consider what walking with the Spirit will look like for you this week.

4) If a particular practice of flesh is to be crucified with Christ, then what will the corresponding resurrection mean for you?