

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
March 18, 2018

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Sunday Morning 03-18-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

<http://bible.com/events/378845>

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Revelation 5:6-14 NLT

Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered" to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/rev.5.6-14.NLT>

Revelation 7:9-14 MSG

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing: Salvation to our God on his Throne! Salvation to the Lamb! All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing: Oh, Yes! The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, The honor and power and strength, To our God forever

and ever and ever! Oh, Yes! Just then one of the Elders addressed me:  
"Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?"  
Taken aback, I said, "O Sir, I have no idea" but you must know."  
Then he told me, "These are those who come from the great tribulation,  
and they've washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the  
Lamb. That's why they're standing before God's Throne. They serve  
him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his  
tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching  
heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring  
waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes."  
<https://bible.com/bible/97/rev.7.9-14.msg>

We are in a series of messages called SENT. The entire series is based  
on

John 20:21-22 NIV

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am  
sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive  
the Holy Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.20.21-22.NIV>

John 15:16 NIV

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you  
might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you  
ask in my name the Father will give you.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.15.16.NIV>

First message " Jesus sends us as the Father sent him and his Spirit  
fills us as we go to those needing his transforming love.

Second message " We want to develop relationships because found people  
find people and saved people seek people.

Third message " We want to discover stories by asking questions and  
listening. You have two ears and one mouth, so you can listen twice as  
much as you speak.

Fourth message " We want to be ready to talk about Jesus, so we develop  
our stories. Our stories have three parts: Before Jesus; Meeting Jesus;  
and Living with Jesus.

Galatians 5:22-25 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things  
there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the  
flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us  
keep in step with the Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/gal.5.22-25.NIV>

Galatians 4:6-7 NIV

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a  
slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you  
also an heir.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/gal.4.6-7.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

We live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit because the Spirit lives in us. #LivingSent

We can be free from living in denial, defeat, and despair.  
We can experience integrity, victory, and confidence.

When Holy Spirit does what only he can do it changes what we do, what we say, how we relate to others, and everything else about us.