

# Claim your Spiritual Birthright

John 15:1-17 - Mark Hanson-Kahn



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- **As a child of God**
- **As a friend of God**

- To be fruitful in God's Kingdom

# fruitfulness



# 1. You are a child of God, abide in the Vine

**John 1:12** to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God

# Abide in the Vine



# Missions

# Social Justice

... Spiritual Warfare, Covenant theology, Dispensationalism ...



v4 - abide in me and I in you; as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine neither can you unless you abide in me

v5 - whoever abides in me and I in him ...

v6 - if anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away

v7 - if you abide in me and my words abide in you...

... Relationship theology

**Relationship with God (abide in Christ) → Fruitfulness (inevitable)**

... Relationship theology



**2. You are a Friend of God - do  
the kinds of things that God  
does**



**13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, [a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**Epicureanism**

**Hedonism**

**Personal Peace and Happiness**

**Acquisitiveness**

**Self sufficiency**

... fruitfulness?

# **3. Be Fruitful in God's Kingdom, for God's Glory**



# Fruitfulness: abundance in God's eyes --



**Seek God's glory → Abide  
→ Fruitfulness**

**Plan big things for God →  
Abide → Fruitfulness**

**Obey God's Will → Abide  
→ Fruitfulness**

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You did not choose me but I chose you  
... to bear fruit that will last Jn 15:16



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