

v. 21-- We are the branches--Jesus is the vine--God had planted us in Eternal Righteousness. (John 15:1)

v. 22-- Through the Spirit even those of us who were considered small, weak unintelligent, are great to God. He will do great works through his small and weak ones.

Chapter 61

v. 1-3-- These verses refer to Jesus Christ, but His work is our work--we are His brothers and sisters in God--we are His Body and are to do everything He did by the Grace of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit. (individual verses follow)

v. 1-- We are to preach Jesus to everyone whom the Spirit leads us to--to bind the brokenhearted--give them the hope of Christ--open the prison--those in the prison of their own selves--worldliness, selfishness, complacency, lack of faith, doubt, fear, inferiority, etc.

v. 2--To proclaim all that Christ has done for us. This is the acceptable year of the Lord--RIGHT NOW!!!!!! Comfort all that mourn --tell them of the eternal life!

v. 3-- Produce joy and praising in peoples' hearts to replace the heaviness of living without Christ's love and peace--we do this by example and by intercessory prayer. We are called to bring more people to Him so His body can be completed and His glory can be complete and His Word planted in the earth to take possession of it.

v. 4-- When we have Jesus in our hearts, we "build old wastes". We are nothing but waste without Him, when we receive Him we crucify our former selves and "raise up former desolations"--build a new life around Him. We're no longer empty and desolate, we are a new creation--full of the full godhead!!!!!! and Jesus will help us rebuild our mind and emotions to join our re-created spirit.

v. 5-- When we make Jesus the Lord of our life, we see how puny and unimportant the things of this world are. Others who have not seen Him will still see these things as important.

v. 6-- But our riches are in doing God's will. We are all one people in the Lord. We share in His riches and glory.

v. 7-- God opened the door of Grace to all Gentiles because of the refusal of the Jews to be faithful to Him.

v. 8-- God hates hypocrisy. He wants our hearts true. He "directs our work in truth" by His Word and the revealing of it through the Holy Ghost and His covenant with us through Jesus Christ is everlasting.