

# John 15 – 2 August 2026

## “Producing What Jesus Desires”

### Introduction

\*Chap 13-16 are all intimate discussions w/ His disciples to prepare them for His imminence departure

\*At end of Chap 13, the betrayer Judas leaves & Jesus begins to talk of life during His absence

\*Chap 14 – He calms their fears by reminding of all that He’s giving them: the way to life, the empowerment of the HS, & God’s Word of hope

\*Now Chap 15, He’s telling them *what to live for* while He’s gone

\*Have you ever wondered, “What does Jesus really want me to do with my life?”

\*How can I know at the end of my life that I’ve been productive for Jesus?

**Today we’ll see 3 things Jesus wants us to produce while He gone to prepare our eternal home**

# #1 –Bear Fruit by abiding in Jesus thru His Word (15:1-11)

Read 15:1-3

1. There's consistency with how Israel is pictured
  - a. Vine – Spiritual Privileges
    - i. Psm 80, Isa 5, Jer 2, Eze 15, John 15
  - b. Fig – National Privileges
    - i. Hos 9, Jer 24, Matt 20, 21, 24
  - c. Olive – Religious Privilege & Heritage
    - i. Hos 14, Isa 17, 24, Psm 52, 128, Rom 11
2. Whether you are or aren't doing it, the purpose of knowing God is to *bear fruit*
  - a. Not bearing fruit? You'll be removed b/c you're actually hindering others
  - b. Bearing fruit? You'll be pressed by the Word to bear *more* fruit
3. Verse 2 & 3 have two different words for clean
  - a. Vs 2 -the action of cleaning (thru the Word)
  - b. Vs 3 -the state or condition of being clean
  - c. Dealt w/ this in John 13 (foot washing)

- d. Foot washing is about regularly staying clean thru the Word once we've been bathed at salvation (Read Tit 3:5 & Eph 5:25-26)

Read 15:4-5

1. The way to bear fruit is to abide in Jesus
  - a. Abide is to stay, continue and remain
2. Notice how much we can accomplish that has eternal value apart from Jesus – ***nothing***
  - a. Bill Bright said to Robert Schuller, 'it sounds like you're saying Jesus came to make bad people good'
  - b. Schuller responded 'Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. He came to make good people better'
  - c. No! Jesus came to make dead people live

Read 15:6

1. Turn to Eze 15:1-5 – There is ***no possible other purpose*** for the vine than to bear fruit
2. If we're not growing in the fruit of the Spirit, bringing others to Jesus – there's no point

## Read 15:7-8

1. How do we abide in Jesus?
  - a. By being regularly washed in His Word
2. It's when we're focused on His will, that we can ask whatever we need & it will happen
  - a. We just talked about this in John 14:14
  - b. Read Psm 37:4

## Read 15:9-11

1. This isn't saying that if you disobey Me, then I'll hate you
  - a. This says as we abide in Him (same as obey His Word), we'll be experiencing His love
  - b. Wes Bentley in Sudan war, "My obedience has protected me"
2. Knowing Jesus in His Word w/ a heart to do it, is like having His protective arms of love around us
3. It's only when we realize that doing God's Word leads us to only good, that it'll be a joy

## #2 – Bear Children by loving people how Jesus loved us (15:12-17)

Read 15:12-13

1. He just said this to them moments ago in John 13:34-35 w/ the emphasis on ‘this is how others will know that you’re My followers’
  - a. Now the emphasis is on the quality of love
  - b. Our love for each other should be modeled from Jesus’ love for us
2. Self-sacrificial love that looks for our friends good above our own need
  - a. Jesus role-modeled it (Read Rom 5:6-8)
  - b. Even when we were treating Him like an enemy, He was treating us like His best friend
  - c. We ought to do this to persuade others

Read 15:14-15

1. What does it look like to walk with Jesus and have a personal relationship with Him?
  - a. It’s to know His will & Word & live in it

2. What more could He do to demonstrate His love for you? Nothing

Read 15:16-17

1. “We’ve not chosen Him, He’s chosen us”
  - a. Who initiated this relationship? Him
  - b. Who’s holding it together? Him
  - c. God commended His love toward us while we were yet sinners...and then we responded
2. Look at what He wants out of this relationship
  - a. We can bear lasting fruit in Him
  - b. We can have our prayers answered in him
  - c. We can share this life with others
3. Maybe we should more often bring each other’s needs to Jesus with each other
  - a. Hearts are changed when we love them w/ God’s love

### #3 –Bear Witness by expecting the world’s hatred (15:18-27)

Read 15:18-20

1. The built-in assumption for why the world is hating on you is b/c you’re acting like Jesus
  - a. Don’t blame the consequences of our poor moral, financial or relational decisions on ‘suffering for Jesus’
  - b. However, if we’re living like Jesus, it will draw the ire of some people
2. Accept the fact that someone will always despise or hate you for one reason or another
  - a. Let it be b/c you’re saying godly things
  - b. Let it be b/c you’re living for Jesus
3. Read Luke 12:8-9 – Man’s approval is temp & fickle; God’s approval is eternal and valuable

Read 15:21-25

1. Like a good teacher entering a chaotic new school – they will hate the teacher

2. Jesus the Light has come into the world, but people love darkness (Read John 3:19)
  - a. People want to make their own rules
3. Jesus and His Word come along, and people naturally begin feeling guilty (Read Rom 3:19)
4. As lights for Jesus in this world, we bring knowledge & accountability to everyone just by living like Jesus

Read 15:26-27

1. First notice that the H.S. job is to bear witness about Jesus, not about Himself
  - a. H.S. brings all things to our remembrance that Jesus is teaching us
2. Now this is said in the context of the world hating us
  - a. As the world attempts to confuse us with their logic & ways, turn to Jesus in His Word for the truth
  - b. We're here as witnesses, His ambassadors



3. “What is a person advantaged if he gains the whole world (& the greatest reputation) and lose himself or be a castaway” Luke 9:25
  - a. Read II Cor 4:17 – It’s worth it
  - b. I want to live in such a way that only God’s opinion of me matters

## Conclusion

Are you enjoying the satisfaction of knowing that you’re doing just what you’ve been redeemed to do?

1. **We’re here to Bear Fruit - & how do we?**
  - a. By abiding in Jesus thru His Word
2. **We’re here to Bear Children - & how?**
  - a. By loving people how Jesus loved us
3. **We’re here to Bear Witness - & how do we?**
  - a. By expecting the world’s hatred of us

Why did God save you and leave you here for a season? For these very reasons!