

Rooted in Truth: A Tree is Known

We are known by the fruit produced in our lives. God produces good fruit through who know Him through obedience and sacrifice.

Known By Our Fruit

Luke 6:43-44

New King James Version

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by its own fruit.

Matthew 7:21-23

New Living Translation

True Disciples

21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22

On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.'

23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

Debit card example

- Signs and miracles aren't fruit

Mark 16:17-18

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17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.[a] 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

- Just because a person believes doesn't mean they are intimate lovers of God and produce His righteous fruit.
- James 2:19 New Living Translation
You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God.[a] Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

God's Commanded Desire of Intimacy

John 14:15

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15 "If you love me, obey[a] my commandments.

Matthew 22:37

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37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'[a]

Genesis 4:1

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4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore [a]Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord."

- When we know and obtain intimacy with God, His sons/daughters will be produced, what Father doesn't know His own child?

John 3:6

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6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.[a]

- A tree is known by the fruit it bears/carries/gives birth to.
- John 15:8 New Living Translation
When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

- We carry the spirit of God who gives birth/bears fruit in us.
- Galatians 5:22-23 New Living Translation
But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Spiritual Lives, Spiritual Fruit

- In order to produce spiritual fruit, we must live spiritual lives.

John 4:23-24

New Living Translation

23 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

John 6:63-69

New Living Translation

63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) 65 Then he said, “That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”

66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?”

68 Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. 69 We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.[a]”

- Our new existence is spiritual, not carnal.
- If the new life was coming from Christ then Sunday would not be enough. We would have a greater spiritual appetite. What are we living off of if we're not living off of him?

1. Worship in spirit and truth- John 4:24 New Living Translation

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

He's looking for people like this. He will know them and they will know Him.

2. Spiritually minded - Romans 8:6 New Living Translation

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Spiritual people mind/tend/pursue/grow spiritual things

3. Spirit-led - Romans 8:9 New Living Translation

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

4. Spirit-filled - Ephesians 5:18 New Living Translation

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

The problem is not the availability of the Holy Spirit to fill us, but our availability to be filled!

We are full of His spirit when we're walking/living in His truth.

Does He Know You in Death?

John 12:24-26

New Living Translation

24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. 25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. 26 Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

- In order to be fully spiritual, we have to be willing to drop dead.
- Are we truly fully dead to self and fully alive to Christ?
- Except a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and does it abides alone!!!

John 15:9-10

New Living Translation

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

- You'll be known by God when you are one with God in spirit and in truth.

There will be intimacy through obedience and the fruit of the Lord's Spirit will be reproduced.