



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. We'd like to get to know you better, visit the Welcome Table and complete a Grace Connect Card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Prayer: Elders are available to pray with you before, during or after the service if you desire.

DO NOT STACK CHAIRS TODAY

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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Pastor Kevin Kelley
John 15:1-17

Big Idea of John: Jesus Christ is the Son of God

GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

REMAIN IN ME: John 15:1-17

1. Who is the focus of John 15:1-17? Who is the divine gardener? Who is doing the action of removing the dead and fruitless branches? Who is doing the pruning? Who does Jesus say is glorified in our abundant and prolific fruit production? Whose commands has Jesus kept? Who does Jesus instruct us to pray to and ask things in His name? Why is it important to keep God as the main subject rather than us?
2. What is the evidence of our abiding/remaining in Jesus? What does Jesus equate abiding and fruit production to in v. 10? What is His command for us in v.12? What is the tangible and literal expression of that in v. 13?
3. In Galatians 5:19-21, the Apostle Paul states, "The acts of the flesh are obvious:" What does Paul say about those who "practice" such things in Gal. 5:21? For those "practicing" things like promoting divisions, gossip, sexual immorality (Matt 5:27-28; 1Cor 6:18; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:15-16; 1 Cor 5:1-2; Lev 18:23 etc.) envy, drunkenness, outbursts of anger, unforgiveness, etc., what are they doing with Christ's words/commands? Which type of branch (from John 15:2) are they and what will be done with them (John 15:6)?
4. How does contemporary Christianity often tend to deviate from the truth of God's Word in passages such as John 15:14? That does affirming and enabling people in their rebellion ultimately accomplish?
5. If there were no need for people to be radically transformed (rather than affirmed and enables in sin) by the truth and grace of God through rebirth in the Holy Spirit and the washing of The Word, why would we need Jesus and the Cross? How do passages like Romans 12:2 (transformed); 2 Cor 5:17 (new creation); Eph 4:22-24 (old self); Col 3:5-10 (put to death); Titus 2:11-12 (renounce); James 1:21-22 (put away); and 1 Peter 1:14-16 inform our understanding of what it means to truly love Jesus?
6. At the end of most of Pastor Kevin's messages, he closes with the question, "How will you respond?" Rev Kev is not the Holy Spirit. Rather than merely providing a list of "volunteer" opportunities at Grace, the Lord desires that "hearers of the Word" would go home and spend time in prayer seeking the will of the Father and the leadership of the Holy Spirit for those next steps to become "doers of the Word." Have you spent time in prayer about your role with your local church? How are you fulfilling John 15:17 (loving one another) through Ephesians 4:16 (member of the Body of Christ) to produce much fruit and "prove to be" Jesus' follower (John 15:8)?

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Team **Sunday** is in need of the following volunteers:

New Sound Board Technicians- training available

Musicians

Computer techs to run the slides on Sunday morning worship

Technicians to help set up equipment and screens for Sunday worship

- Children's Church - We need help teaching our keiki about Jesus on Sunday mornings

If you can help with any of these service opportunities, please see Bill Quinlan or contact him at quinlan7bill@yahoo.com, you may also contact the church office at office@gracekona.org. We really appreciate your help spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus through these service opportunities!