Flourish Pt 4. November 23, 2025

Abide in the Vine - Staying Connected to Christ **Steve Davis**

Jo	hn 15:1-8 (NIV) A flourishing life is the natural result of abiding in Jesus, the True Vine.
1	Bearing fruit is (vv. 2, 4-6, 8)
••	The New Testament talks about two types of fruit.
	Parable the Sower: Fruit of growth (Matthew 13:11)
	Galatians 5: Fruit of transformation (Galatians 5:22-23)
2.	Fruit starts with (v. 3)
	"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you."
	Jesus didn't die on a cross so we could have a better life. He died so we could have eternal life.
	Living God's standards makes life better.
	Living God's standards in the power of the Holy Spirit is eternal life now.
3.	We bear fruit by in Jesus and His word. (vv. 4-5)
	James 1:22; Psalm 119:133
	Four ways 'word' (<i>logos</i>) is used in the Bible:
	Huios (Son): Divine Word (John 1:1-5, 14; 1 John 4:13)
	Graphe: Written word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
	Kerygma: Proclaimed word (1 Corinthians 15:4)
	Rhema: Hidden word (John 15:7; Psalm 119:11)
"F	For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12, NIV)
	Remaining in the word includes:
	Bible reading, meditating, and memorizing
	to teaching and preaching
	• the word with others
	(BibleLives.org, YouTube.com/@biblelives

4. Expect _____ (v. 2)

Have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves," (Hebrews 12:5-6, NLT)

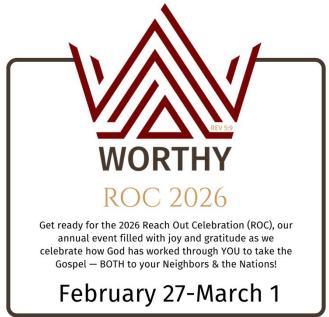
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Reflect and Discuss

- 1. Why is it important to understand that bearing fruit is a byproduct of abiding in Christ, not a test of whether or not we belong to Christ?
- 2. Can you see any of the fruit of personal transformation or kingdom growth in your life recently? How about since you became a Christian?
- 3. Can you remember a time when the word of God strongly impacted your life? Was it the written word, the proclaimed word, or the hidden word?
- 4. Is there one area of remaining in the word that you need to focus on in the next week? How do you think you could move toward that?
- 5. What does obedience look like this week in response to what you've heard?





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