

Abide in the Vine – Staying Connected to Christ
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John 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' (*logos*) 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)

“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?



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1 & 2

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Contact Crystal Fahrendholz to take part

DECEMBER 21

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

ONE SERVICE, 10AM

DECEMBER 24

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5PM



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