



The design and desire of the Father and Christ is that we bear much fruit!

July 7, 2024 – John 15:1-11, Part 2

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¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

²Every branch in me that does not **bear fruit** he takes away, and every branch that does **bear fruit** he prunes, that it may **bear more fruit**. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot **bear fruit** by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that **bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Abide in Christ...and bear much fruit!

(15:4-11)

1. Abide in Christ this bears spiritual fruitfulness!

(15:4-6)

Displaying the character of Christ (Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 7:20); a turn from former life (Matt. 3:8); spiritual growth (Rom. 6:22); righteousness: love, knowledge, discernment, what is excellent, pure, blameless (Phil. 1:9-11).

→ “Abiding in Christ” produces spiritual growth towards maturity
“Stay with me”, “losing your audience”, there “but not present”

→ “Abiding in Christ” is relational but varies.

→ “Christ in you” is positional, constant.

2. Abide in Christ: be present...as you commune!

(15:7-8)

Praying without ceasing:

> abiding in His Words

> guided by His Words

> listening, asking according to His Words

3. Abide in Christ: be present...as you live life!

(15:9-10)

> “present” in His love...anchors and carries you through all!

> loves His Words! Psalm 119

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4. Abide in Christ: be present...and you experience His joy!

(15:11)

Your desires are aligned, His joy becomes your joy, in full!

Application questions on the back →

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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give! 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTED:** This important teaching by Jesus talks about fruit several times. Write out what you first think of when you hear Him talk about bearing fruit. Now consider the verses on the front about spiritual fruit, and write out how they describe and define fruit. Is there a difference? Why? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** We say in the beginning that "abiding" in Christ is relational. "Christ in you" is more positional, meaning that it is fixed because it is the work of God to put you "in Christ". Relationships are more fluid and can vary, just as our walk with the Lord varies from great days of closeness to days we tend to wander or resist. How does this fact affect your understanding of "abiding in Christ"? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

READ today's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In verses 7-10 it talks about "abiding in His love" but also His "Words abiding in us". Write out the relationship between abiding in Christ and His Words abiding in us, and also keeping His commandments. How do these relate in the big picture of abiding in Christ? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.

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