Introduction:
1. We all like the feeling of accomplishment.
2. We must be fruit-bearing Christians for Christ.
3. How do we become a fruit-bearing Christian?

I. **WE MUST ABIDE IN CHRIST**
A. JESUS IS THE VINE; WE ARE THE BRANCHES
   1. Some teach the branches are various churches
   2. Jesus said the branches are His disciples - Jn 15:5, 6
   3. We cannot bear fruit apart from Christ
      a. E.g. - Those who do the most good for humanity are Christians
      b. It has been said, that when Paul went to Rome there were no hospitals nor benevolent organizations.

B. BECOMING A CHRISTIAN
   1. We are obedient to the gospel (i.e. Baptized into Christ - Ro 6:3, 4)
   2. If one is not a Christian, he is not attached to the vine - Jn 15:6

C. ABIDING IN HIS WORD
   1. Hear the word of God - Ro 10:17
   2. Listening is more than just hearing
      a. (e.g. Dr. giving medical advice)
      b. This is walking as Christ walked - 1Jn 2:6
      c. Walking worthy of Christ - Co 1:9
   3. We put His word into practice - Ja 1:22-ff

II. **WE ARE PRUNED TO BEAR MORE FRUIT**
A. PRUNING IDENTIFIED
   1. This is, “discipline, teaching, training, and growth”. (GAC 322)
   2. Pruning is a refinement process - 1Pe 1:6, 7

B. EXAMPLES OF PRUNING
   1. From the “Hall of Faith” - Heb 11
   2. Today, we look t them and keep going - Heb 12:1
III. **WE UNDERSTAND THE REWARDS AND CONSEQUENCES**

A. THE CONSEQUENCES

1. We are severed from the Vine
2. We are cast into the fire -Mt. 25:41; Rev. 14:10, 11; 21:8
3. Application: We can fall from grace
   a. Demas serves as an example -Ac 2:47, 2Ti 4:10
   b. The Galatians -Ga 5:4

B. THE REWARD

1. What we ask will be granted.
   a. We would be in tune with the will of God
   b. The things we ask will be in accordance with His will.
2. We will be His disciples

Conclusion:

1. When we become a Christian, we abide in Christ
2. When we grow throughout our lives as Christians, we bear much fruit for His glory!