

GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #10 -The True Vine
Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

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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 (ie. 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 PRUNNED TO BEAR MORE FRUIT

A. PRUNNING 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!