



#3 The Fruit of God

John 15:7-8 (ESV)

What Did Jesus Command Us To Do?

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

How Do We Obey His Command?

1. **John 8:31-32 - Abide in His Word, Know the Truth, Live Free**
2. **John 13:34-35 - We live in Jesus' love – loving his Glory, Loving Others, and Loving in a steadfast loyal way.**
3. **Jesus says follow me and BEAR MUCH FRUIT.**
John 15:8 (ESV) By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples

How Do We Follow Him?

John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every 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. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide 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. ⁵ I 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. ⁶ If 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. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Let's Consider Grape Vine . . .

How does a vineyard point to our relationship with Jesus?

1. **Branches that PRODUCE FRUIT are REAL.**
Branches that PRODUCE NO FRUIT are FALSE.
John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every 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.
Matthew 12:30, 33 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters...³³ Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

- **Real Branches are PRUNED to produce more GOOD FRUIT.**
Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- **False Branches are TAKEN AWAY.**
Matthew 13:24, 30 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field...³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

2. The two fruits God desires are the fruit of ATTITUDE and the fruit of ACTION.

- **Fruit of the Spirit**
Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
 - **Fruit of Praise**
Hebrews 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
 - **Fruit of Good Works**
Colossian 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- #### 3. Abiding in Jesus produces BLESSINGS.
- **Answered PRAYER**
John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
 - **We will GLORIFY God.**
John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.
 - **We will live in JOY.**
John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

How Can We Be More Fruitful This Year?