

Living The Christ-life

Yield

- I. John 15:1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. V. 5a I am the vine; you are the branches.
- II. V2. He CUTS OFF every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He PRUNES so that it will be even more fruitful.

Fruit Bearing Characteristics (Mat 5:3-6):

- A. **Poor in spirit:** A teachable attitude.
 - B. **Mourn:** Feeling bad about the things we do to ourselves and others.
 - C. **Meek:** Letting God take care of our problems and issues.
 - D. **Hunger and thirst for righteousness:** Desire for God and the things of God.
- III. V. 4b No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must REMAIN in the vine.

V.5b If a man REMAINS in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; APART from Me you can do nothing.
 - IV. NOW REMAIN IN MY LOVE (V. 9b): If you obey My commands, you will REMAIN in My love (V. 10a).
 - A. **The self-esteem person:** I have decided I am a good person.
 - B. **The people-esteem person:** My friends think I am a good person.
 - C. **The possession, position, or power esteem person:** My achievements prove I am a good person.
 - D. **The God-esteem person:** God considers me a good person.

God-esteem is based on the value God places on a person

1. God Loves Humans Because He Created Them

Heb 2:6 (NIV) But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?"

2. God Loves All Of Them Sacrificially

John 3:16 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that **WHOEVER** believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3. God Loves Each INDIVIDUAL Person

Luke 15:7 (NIV) I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over ONE sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

V. HOW TO OBEY JESUS' COMMANDS: PRAY – Matthew 7:7-11

A. Heart For Self – I know I am doing fine.

B. Heart For The World

People – My friends and mentors say I am a good person.

Possessions – My success proves my value.

C. Heart For God – God is making me into the person I want to be. God is making me into the person the people around me can like. In the meantime, He loves me just the way I am.

VI. JESUS CAN DO WHAT WE CANNOT DO: Yield to Him

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

VII. The Holy Spirit Provides Us With Three Major Aspects Of Jesus

1. WE GET JESUS' LOVE:

Rom 5:5 (NIV) And hope does not disappoint us, because God HAS poured out HIS LOVE into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us.

2. WE GET JESUS' TRUTH:

John 16:13-14 (NIV) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He WILL guide you into ALL truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.

3. WE GET JESUS' LIFE:

Gal 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.