

**1st John # 03**

**“Fellowship First, then Fruit”**

*John 15:1-4; Daniel 7:4, 7, 17*

*Ephesians 5:26 “to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word.”*

*John 4:13-14 “Jesus answered, everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

*John 7:38-39 “Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believe in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”*

**The Greek word *meno* does not mean to believe.**

**It’s ironic that most children can’t wait to be adults but most young Christians want to remain spiritual babes.**

*The quality of the fruit depends upon the nourishment that the branches of the plants receive.*

**Jesus was in the Father by way of His relationship and Jesus abided in the Father by way of His obedience to the Father’s commands.**

**All fruit production is God’s character manifested in us as a result of Christ being formed in us through fellowship with Him.**