

1st John # 08

“Much Fruit versus Nothing”

John 15:3

The Lord Jesus Christ is giving instructions regarding the Church Age for born-again believers; 11 to begin with.

So, Jesus has instructions for Church Age believers to abide in fellowship with Him by the power of the Holy Spirit in obedience to His Word, persevere in trials and suffering and bear fruit that glorifies God.

Throughout His message, Jesus keeps on stabilizing His disciples by reminding them that they're eternally secure positionally in Him which allows for their experiential abiding fellowship with Him.

Remain or abide is a key word in John15 and abiding isn't believing for salvation; it's for believers to remain in experiential fellowship with God which is experiencing all that God has said and done for us, positionally.

We've established that spiritual power is of God and fruit is an internal manifestation of Jesus Christ in us by the ministry of the Holy Spirit and all fruit production comes from Him, so fruit-bearing is important because it's important to God.

Fruit is the natural or better yet, supernatural result of experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ, so we need not be occupied with fruit but occupied with Jesus Christ.

The only way that we know for sure that the disciples were saved is because Jesus says so; because their behavior doesn't necessarily bear it out.