

**1st John # 14**

**“Abiding in Jesus’ Love”**

*John 15:9-10; John 6:53-54; 56; John 14:20*

**Examples of “much fruit” production:**

1. The fruit of righteousness Phil 1:11
2. Love for Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 5:14
3. The joy of Christ John 15:11
4. The peace of Christ John 14:27
5. Humility and gentleness 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 10:1
6. Holiness Romans 6:22
7. The fruit of the lips Heb 13:15
8. The fruit of the hands Prov 31:16

**Our Lord’s betrayal is imminent, His death is soon and His true love thinks only of the needs of others.**

He’s going to die for their sins and ours but don’t blame the Jews or the Romans; it’s us and our sins that sent the only sinless man that ever lived to the cross.

*For us, success begins with knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, so we can love Him and desire to obey Him.*

Bishop of Chichester in Sussex England, Richard Dewych said “May we know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly.”

And by the power of God, may we come to love what He commands as much as we desire what He promises!

**WARNING: Acting like the Lord Jesus Christ will cause you to be hated as He was because love is related to truth.**

Is it unloving to tell someone they’re lost, hopeless and helpless without Jesus Christ? No, but there’s a tactful Holy Spirit guided way to do it.

*Perhaps for the first time today, you’re discovering what it means to be a friend of Jesus!*

The one who personally knows and loves Jesus Christ has a personal intimate abiding love relationship with the eternal Son of God!

**Even though we believe in Jesus Christ and walk in fellowship with Him, there’s always the potential to disrupt that fellowship and if true belief prevented breaking fellowship, there’d be no need to command believers to abide.**

Believers are commanded to abide because there’s the potential to break fellowship and stop abiding.

*Agape love comes from the filling of the Holy Spirit and phileo love comes from knowledge of biblical truth.*

One of the husband’s main functions in the relationship is to guard and protect the wife’s soul which includes her free-will to choose!

**Our attitude toward biblical truth determines whether we keep, guard and treasure our Lord’s imperative commands.**

Because of His inhale and exhale, our Lord had inner happiness all the days of His life, causing Him to produce an abundance of much fruit.

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our example to keep, guard, treasure and do His will for our lives as we abide in His love by inhaling the Word and exhaling confidence in the mind of Christ in us.*