

John 231 “Clean And Serviceable” John 15:3-4

To love God, we must know Who He is and what He has done, does today and promises to do in the future and we can only know God to the extent that we comprehend what He has revealed about Himself in His Word.

Every biblical examination of God’s character we are involved in illuminates us to the wondrous attributes of our loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is a highly rewarding experience to uncover so many crucial resources graciously provided for us to live an abundant Christian life before God and man.

Hosea 14:8-9 Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him.

I am like a flourishing juniper; your fruitfulness comes from me. Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them but the rebellious stumble in them.

Fruit production is the natural or better yet, supernatural result of abiding or remaining in consistent fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

The only way that we know for sure that the disciples are saved is due to the fact that Jesus says so because their behavior at this point doesn’t confirm it.

The Lord Jesus encourages and stabilizes the 11 to show them that lack of production and adversity doesn’t mean that they aren’t saved or have somehow lost their salvation.

Being completely clean or saved doesn’t necessarily guarantee production.

A believer can be very active in his church and civic life and yet remain unfruitful or non-Christ-like.

Salvation doesn’t guarantee abiding or remaining in experiential fellowship; the terms are not synonymous.

2nd Corinthians 3:3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Philippians 1:20-21 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Ephesians 3:16-17 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love.

Unless a branch gets its nourishment from the vine, it produces NO fruit.

Just as our lungs are of absolutely no value to us without oxygen, the branches in John 15 are non-productive without biblical truth circulating through them.