

John 233 “Take The Ride And Abide as Jesus Provides” John 15:6

Everything the Lord Jesus Christ did during His lifetime was intended to bring glory to the ultimate Farmer, God the Father!

We who are attached to the True Vine must abide in the True Vine by making ourselves available to the True Vine.

We simply take the ride and abide and then we relax and watch as He provides.

Fruit bearing is not automatic or inevitable but it is the expected norm for the Church Age believer in Jesus Christ.

So, if John 15 doesn't teach that one can lose his salvation or that one must and will have fruit if he is genuine, what does it teach? TWO THINGS:

1. Production is encouraged and expected of the believer as the 'normal' Christian life.

2. There can be NO acceptable production apart from the empowerment of God Himself.

To honestly share our innermost thoughts without fear of rejection and relate like that consistently by also desiring to hear the other person's opinions with respect for them is what it means to abide or remain in active fellowship with someone.

And in the case of abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ, it's the influence of God the Holy Spirit in our lives as our guiding Mentor producing the character of Christ in us that gives us the experiential victory.

We should adhere to Jesus' command to have constant active fellowship with Him because He knows what's best for us and the extent of our productiveness is in direct proportion to the extent of our intimacy with Him.

THE TEST FOR US IS:

What energy source did we rely on, supernatural divine power or fleshly human power?

Without question, a major point of John chapter 15 is that we all have NO time to waste!

“More fruit” and “Much fruit” come only to those who allow the True Vine to have His way with His branches.

Knowing what we now know about all that the Lord Jesus has done for us, do we really want to hear at the Bema Seat Judgment: “I love you my dear son or daughter; I'm so glad that you're here but just look at what you missed out on!”

What's more valuable than our own mansions, streets of gold, precious stone-lined walls and even perfect sinless everlasting bodies with no sin nature inside and no outside demonic interference? To hear from our precious Lord, our Evaluator: “Well done, My good and faithful servant.”

And where is Jesus taking His 11 convinced disciples and you and me for that matter?

Where every single human being that's ever lived or ever will live longs to be!

And just what is that place? It's the place of ultimate, fulfilling and complete joy that He's prepared for each of us!

Loving obedience causes fruitfulness in our lives and the formerly elusive inner joy we all sought after becomes the presently possessed result of our active fellowship with our wonderful Lord!