

John 15 The Vine & The Branches

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Go Deeper Questions for Reflection:

1. Are you in regular fellowship with Jesus? Are you seeing fruit in your life? Can you think of a time when God “pruned you” that resulted in abundant fruit?
2. Satan seeks to rob us of joy, and he often does this by tempting us to be disobedient to the will of God in our lives. What the world promises as “fun and rewarding” is often the sin that will rob us of the true joy in our hearts that comes from obeying Jesus and enjoying his love with a clear conscience and satisfied soul. Are there any sins in your life that you are refusing to give up that are robbing you of joy and peace?
3. Why is hard sometimes for Christians to love each other? Why do personality differences and personal preferences cause many Christians to embrace critical, competitive, or jealous spirits? What would the church look like if we actually lived out Jesus’ command in v.12? How can we become better friends?

Summary:

Christians are designed to “abide” in Jesus, to stay in fellowship with him regularly so that we will be filled up and fruitful. Apart from Christ, we are worthless, unproductive, and lack any spiritual fruit that will matter.

Jesus saved us and designed us in such a way that we were meant to experience the joy of his love. And we are to imitate that kind of love as we seek to share it with one another. When we give ourselves away in service and sacrifice we imitate the amazing love of our Savior and find our own personal fulfillment as well.

Christians who live this way experience a sweetness in their relationship with Christ, who is our Lord, Savior, and even our friend. So must abide in the Vine, and as His branches, we will bear abundant fruit, fruit that will last.