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FRUIT OF OUR FAITH

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Today, we take a look at John 15:1-17, as we come to the final “I am” of John’s Gospel. The words of our text are some of the most familiar words in the Gospel of John, but does this mean that we understand it? Many are the interpretations of this passage, and while people are drawn to this text, they are also confused by it:

Christians have long been attracted to these verses, both because they are profound and because they are perplexing. They are profound in that they deal with certain deep realities in the Christian faith. But the passage is as perplexing as it is profound. Exactly what kind of fruit are we expected to bear? Does any believer really enjoy the extravagant prayer promises in verses 7 and 8 where Jesus says “ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”? This has a second part “By this my Father is glorified...” Exactly what does ‘remaining in Christ’ really mean? Above all, how is it that branches are said to be in the vine, yet fruitless? And how can these branches be cut off and destroyed?

As we reflect on our own lives we evaluate if we are bearing fruit therefore fit to be pruned and trimmed in order to blossom more. Are we unproductive with what we have been given that requires being cut off from the vine?

Pruning a branch involves ripping out any decayed parts, killing bugs and even cutting away seemingly healthy but unwanted shoots so that the branch grows stronger in the direction that the vinedresser wants. From the branch’s perspective, being pruned can be uncomfortable, even painful, and at times also appear to make no sense. But “every branch” (John 15:2) being pruned should trust that the vinedresser knows what He is doing and be grateful for His care and attention. The cause for concern rests with the branches that are not being pruned, for that means either the branch is perfect, or far more likely, the vinedresser “takes away” that branch because it “does not bear fruit” (John 15:2).

What exactly does the bible mean by “fruit”? As Christians, there are many “fruits” we have to develop and exhibit in our lives to attract others to our Lord Jesus.

May we be the kind of fruit that yields a bountiful harvest for the Vinedresser, Jesus Christ! ✱

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ ONE PRAYER, ONE NATION

GG Prayer Gathering
May 7, 2022 | 7:30-9:30 AM
Online & Onsite Fellowship

■ BASICS OF COUNSELING

Counseling Ministry
April 30, May 7 & 21, 2022
10-12 nn via Zoom

■ GLORY TO GOD: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

NextGen Ministry
May 14, 2022 | 5-6:30 PM

■ JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

If you still aren’t part of a Growth Group, we highly encourage to join one. You can get in touch with us through the GCF South Metro FB Page, GCF South Metro YouTube or email us at email@gcfsouthmetro.org

