

Why We Must Remain

John 15:1-8

INTRODUCTION — Fallen Branches

A branch does not _____ its own life. It displays the life it _____ from the tree.

Only through Christ can we _____ and share in the _____ He gives (v. 1)

In the Old Testament, God pictured _____ as a vine He had planted to produce fruit for His glory.

_____ is the true vine because He perfectly fulfills what Israel failed to accomplish.

The Father Himself actively and sovereignly _____ the life that Christ gives. (vv. 1-3)

God is relentlessly committed to shaping every part of our lives into the _____ of Christ.

The Father's _____ (pruning) is an expression of His love, wisdom, and commitment to our greater fruitfulness.

The Father uses His _____, through the Holy Spirit, to _____ and _____ the sin and spiritual disorder that hinder our fruitfulness.

_____ life in Christ always produces spiritual fruit (vv. 2, 5-6)

Some people are outwardly _____ with Christ without genuinely _____ to Him.

Genuine union with Christ necessarily produces spiritual fruit that confirms the _____ of _____ faith.

The Christian life can only be lived in continual _____ upon Christ. (vv. 4-7)

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit apart from the vine, we can accomplish nothing of _____ apart from Christ.

As we remain in Christ, His _____ becomes increasingly _____ in every part of our lives.

We cultivate our fellowship with Christ through the _____ He has appointed: His Word, prayer, and the worship and fellowship of His church.

As Christ's Word shapes our hearts, our _____ and _____ increasingly reflect His will.

Our fruitfulness _____ God and _____ that we are Christ's disciples. (v. 8)

The _____ we bear, the more clearly our lives _____ the greatness of God's transforming grace.

The spiritual fruit God produces in our lives strengthens our _____ that we genuinely belong to Christ.

CONCLUSION — Why We *Must* Remain

Challenge #1: _____ your life.

A profession of faith without spiritual fruit offers no assurance that you belong to Christ. Those who remain _____ from Him face certain judgment.

If you have never trusted Christ, turn from your sin and entrust your life to Him as your only Savior and Lord, the true Vine who alone gives eternal life.

Challenge #2: _____ the life Christ has called you to live.

Christ calls you to a life of increasing fruitfulness, spiritual vitality, and the fullness of joy found in Him. Take His command to _____ seriously. This is the life you were created and redeemed to live.