

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.

Sunday, October 18

10am Worship

Run And Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration.....Paul Thompson
Psalm 92:1-4

92 It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

I Set My Hope

He Will Hold Me Fast

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Dependence..... Dan Tankersley
Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Offering

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

MessagePaul Thompson
Why We Must Remain
John 15:1-8

Abide

Benediction.....Randy Hunt
Romans 15:13

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

5pm Worship

WelcomeZac Whitehead

Take My Life And Let It Be

Build My Life

Corporate Prayer..... Charles Uptain

Message Dan Tankersley
Useful to the Master
2 Timothy 2:20-26

Lord's Supper

I Need Thee Every Hour

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kick off Fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. The food drive will run throughout October, and drop boxes will be placed in the Children and Preschool areas, ROC, and Fellowship Center Foyer. Thank you for your generosity in serving our community.

Pray for the Vermont Mission Team
October 17-24

Participants are Duane Haley, David and Lauren Malphurs, Kevin Rodgers, Roger and Judy Simpler, Billy & Debbie Thornton, and Larry and Sharon Tolleson.

Meaningful Membership
Sundays, Oct 18, 25, & Nov 1 | 8:30am
Office Building Conference Room

This required membership class introduces prospective members to 1) what we believe and teach, 2) how we function together as a church, and 3) our church covenant.

Led by Dan Tankersley, Paul Thompson, & Charles Uptain

Churchwide Fall Fellowship
Sunday, November 1 | 3pm | Colbert Family Farm

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at 397 Judge Logue Road, Newton! Grilled hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring chips, dips, dessert, or snacks to share. Bring the family, invite a friend, and join the fun!

Father & Son Retreat
Friday & Saturday, November 6-7 | Camp Victory
\$50 for 2 (father & son) | \$15 each additional person

This retreat is for school age boys and up. Meals are included. Register at campvictoryal.org/events. Check in is Friday 5-6:30pm | Supper at 6:30pm Retreat ends Saturday around 3pm Activities include fishing, hiking, boating, mini-golf, and more.

D-Now Weekend: Space Feuds
November 20-22 | For Grades 6-12
\$125.00 per person

 Register online at calvarydothan.com now through November 8. Host homes are needed! If you would like to volunteer your home, contact samantha@calvarydothan.com.

I WOULD LIKE MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- ☐ I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- ☐ I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- ☐ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- ☐ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ☐ Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- ☐ Churchwide

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October 18, 2026

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