

Abiding in Christ – Part 1 (John 15:1-11)

v. 1 – I am the _____ vine (Ps. 80:8-9; Isa. 5:7)

vv. 2-3 – Who are the branches that do not bear fruit?

Position 1: Professing Christians but not _____ believers

- The Father *takes them away* (Gk. *airo*) → v. 6

Position 2: Believers who are not bearing fruit *at present*

- *In Me*
- Gk. *airo* = to raise, to _____ up → to bear _____ fruit

Both: Believers who bear fruit are _____ → to bear _____ fruit

vv. 4-5 – Jesus *commands* disciples to _____ in Him

- *Abide* = _____ and dwelling or residing
- Relationship of abiding & fruit-bearing:

v. 6 – Not saved versus a believer who loses _____

1 Cor. 3 / 2 Cor 5

Big Ideas / Application

1. God the Father wants His children to be _____ (Heb. 12:1)

2. Pruning can be _____ but the result is _____ fruit
Heb. 12:10-11 / Rom. 5:3 / Phil. 1:12

3. Fruit-bearing is a _____ issue

4. What does it mean to abide in Christ? (15:4 → 14:20)

- To be filled with / controlled by the _____ (14:16-19)
- Keeping Christ's _____ (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16; Jn. 15:10)

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? By _____ (Col. 2:6)

- Requires a _____ to be filled
- _____ and repent of any known _____
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill / control me by _____
 - a) In God's _____ (Eph. 5:18)
 - b) In God's _____ (1 Jn. 5:14-15)

How do I know I'm filled with the Holy Spirit? By _____