

# REQUIRED TO BEAR FRUIT (John 15)

**John 15:16** Chosen and Ordained to bear fruit (appointed)

## I. **CHRIST IS THE TRUE VINE (LIFEGIVER) (John 15:1)**

- A. **Israel** thought that they were the **true vine**
- B. **Christ** declares **Himself** to be the **true vine**

## II. **GOD THE FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN (FARMER) (John 15:1)**

- A. He cuts off **natural** branches that are unproductive (**Jews**)
- B. He grafts in the **wild** branches (**Gentiles**)
- C. He **purges** or **prunes** all branches (John 15:2, 3)
  - 1. He purges through His **Word** (John 15:3)
  - 2. He purges through the **Holy Spirit** (John 16:7-11)
  - 3. He purges through **chastisement** (Hebrews 12:11)

**Heb 12:11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

## III. **CHRIST REQUIRES THAT WE ABIDE IN HIM TO BEAR FRUIT (John 15:4-16)**

- A. You cannot bear spiritual **fruit** apart from Christ (John 15:4, 5)
- B. Without Him no one can do anything **spiritually** productive (15:5)
- C. Christ's desire is that believers bear **much** spiritual fruit (15:5)
- D. Unproductive branches are cut off and **cast into the fire** (15:6)
- E. Productive branches **abide** in Christ and are **rewarded**
  - 1. Believers abide in Christ through abiding in His **Word** (John. 15:7)
    - a. If we keep His commandments we abide in His **love** (15:10)
    - b. He kept the Father's commandment and abode in His **love**
  - 2. Believers are rewarded with the fruit of **answered prayer** (15:7)
  - 3. Believers bear fruit to **glorify** God the Father (John 15:8)
  - 4. Believers bear fruit in evidence that they are Christ's **disciples** (15:8)
  - 5. Productive believers are **joyful** believers (John 15:11)
  - 6. God wants His children to have **fullness** of joy (John 15:11)
  - 7. Christ rewards us with His undying **friendship** (John 15:13-15)