



HE IS THE VINE • Part 5

The Fruit of Righteousness

Philippians 1:9-11, 22

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. - - - ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

Jesus Abides; So Must We

John 5:19 & John 12:49-50

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, **the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing,** because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

For **I did not speak on my own**, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So **whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.**”

We cannot live Jesus’ life of public righteousness unless we share in his life of personal connection with God.

The fruit of righteousness cannot grow apart from a living connection to the Righteous One.

John 17:20-21

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

Pseudo-Righteousness is Dangerous

Philippians 3:7-9

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law**, but that which is through faith in Christ—the **righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.**

The Pitfalls of Pseudo-Righteousness

1. Faith in/ Focus On ourselves
2. Long on Rule-Keeping, Short on Love
3. False expectation of gaining God’s acceptance and winning His love
4. Demands recognition & finds value in comparison
5. Provides no joy, peace, or assurance

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. -Matthew 5:20

The secret to producing a harvest of righteousness in our lives is the teaching of the vine and the branches.

Philippians 1:4-6

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.