

YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Learning To Abide (John 15)

I. THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE CHAPTER (15:1-27)

A. Let's Take a Bird's Eye View of John 15

1. The Lord instructs believers in verses 1-11 how to have a meaningful relationship with JESUS CHRIST and the key word is _____ found _____ in the chapter (15:4,6,7,9-10)
2. The Lord Jesus instructs believers in verses 12-17 how to have a right relationship with OTHER BELIEVERS and the key word is _____ found _____ in the chapter (15:10,12-13, 17,19)
3. The Lord instructs believers in verses 18-27 about the believer's relationship with the WORLD, and the key words are _____ (*meaning what the world thinks of you and Christ*) and _____ or _____ (*meaning how you should respond to the world*) (15:18-19,23-24-25)

B. What are some Key Observations about our study passage? (15:1-11)

1. This passage was written by John and is applicable for _____ only (15:3)

* How do we know this?

2. The passage is referring to “_____ in Christ” and bearing _____ for Christ, it is not referring to 1st tense _____ (15:2-7)

II. EXAMINING THE DETAILS OF FRUITBEARING (15:1-8)

A. The 3 PERSONS of the Vineyard (15:1-2)

1. The “True Vine” is _____ (15:1)
2. The “Vinedresser”, “Husbandman”, or “Gardener” is God the _____ (15:1)
3. The “branches” refer to genuine _____ in Christ (15:1)

*What is the purpose of the branches?

B. The Importance of Tending the Branches (15:2-3)

1. The first action of the Gardener to those branches that are not fruitful is that “*He takes them*”

_____.” What does this mean?

2. The second action that the “Vinedresser” is, He “_____” or “purges” the branches that they might bring forth more fruit. What does this mean?

3. The means of “cleansing” is _____ (15:2-3)

C. The Importance of Abiding in Christ (15:4-6)

1. The meaning of “abide” is _____ dependent on Christ as your life (15:4; Col 3:3)

2. The must of “abiding” is illustrated in v.4 “As the branch _____ bear fruit of itself, unless it _____ in the Vine, neither can you, unless you abide in _____ (15:4)

3. The necessity of “abiding” is needed because Jesus said... “for without Me _____ can do _____ (15:5b)

* Why is “abiding” so necessary?

D. The Products of Abiding (15:5-11)

1. There will be _____ in our lives (15:5)

2. There will be _____ (15:7b)

3. There will be _____ (15:8)

4. There will be _____ to God’s will (15:9-13)

5. There will be _____ (15:11)