

The Words Are Red
Week 2 - John 15
Sunday August 23rd, 2020

John 15:1-17 (NLT, pg. 897)

As a Jesus follower we are supposed to produce _____.

John 15:5 (NLT) “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

As a Jesus follower you will be _____.

John 15:1-2 (NLT) “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

What fruit are you _____?

1 John 15:8 (NLT) When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

How do I actually remain in Jesus and produce fruit?

Obey Jesus _____ + motivated by _____ = Joy

1 John 3:16 (NLT) We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Our _____ changes when we follow Jesus.

John 15:18-16:3 (NLT, pg. 897)

Jesus tells us the truth; following Him won’t always be _____ and joyful.

John 15:19 (NLT) The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

Jesus tells us the truth; we are held accountable according to our _____.

John 15:22 (NLT) They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin.

Final Thought: If we follow Jesus’ commands the Trinity is active in our lives every day and we will produce fruit.
What is your life _____?

The Words Are Red week 2 Discussion Questions

What “fruit” do you see our society producing? Is it all negative? Is it all positive? Explain. Jesus says that the fruit we produce by following Him is joy, and then just a few verses later says the world will hate us. Can these both be true? Why or why not?

Read Isaiah 5:1-7. Here, and other places in scripture, Israel is described as a vineyard and the vine. Compare and contrast this with Jesus’ claim in John 15:1 “I am the true grapevine.” What implications can be drawn from this Old Testament symbolism?

According to Isaiah, Israel produced fruit of oppression and violence. Jesus says we should produce fruit of joy. What kind of fruit has your life produced? Can you see a difference between pre-Jesus fruit and post-Jesus fruit as you reflect on your own journey? Explain.

Review all seven of Jesus' "I Am" statements in John. (6:35 I am the bread of life, 8:12 & 9:5 I am the light of the world, 10:7,9 I am the gate for the sheep, 10:11,14 I am the good shepherd, 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life, 14:6 I am the way the truth and the life, 15:1,5 I am the vine) How do each of these contribute to John's goal for writing this gospel (John 20:30-31)? Which one has had the most impact in your faith journey? Explain.