

RE – Remain – The Fruit of Continuance

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- **Intro:**

This will be our 3rd Installment in this series called RE:

1. RE: release – some things in our life we need to release: Foes (releasing unforgiveness), Fear (things that hinder) and we also need to release our faith
 2. RE: retrieve = Joel 2:25 - I will restore, give you back what the locust have taken from you - 3 steps from Deut 30 - Heed The Instructions, Return To the Lord & Obey His Commands
- Today you can open your Bibles To John 15 as we continue our Series w/ "RE:MAIN"

- **Text: John 15:1-4 (NIV)**

- "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. (2) He cuts off every branch in me that **bears no fruit**, while every branch that **does bear fruit** he prunes so that it will be even **more fruitful**. (3) You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
- (4) Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can **bear fruit** by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you **bear fruit** unless you remain in me.
- (5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you [a supernatural connection], you will **bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing. (6) If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.(7) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- (8) This is to my Father's glory, that you **bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- **There are 3 Levels or Positions of Fruit Bearing in John 15**

- **Fruit, More Fruit & Much Fruit**
- **Remain - *menō***; *a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): — abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), x thine own.*

Too many don't want to Wait, Worship or Work – in relationships and with the Lord

Title of Message is "The Fruit of Continuance"

The Blessings of our salvation is in the Remaining/Abiding in Christ

Anyone can get "saved" but it's another thing to remain in Christ

When God moves in, He gives an eviction notice to everything that needs to be moved out.

- **In Essence Continue in Me & I in You**
- Continuance isn't Compromise
- Abiding Isn't Abandoning
- Dwelling Isn't Deserting

- **The heart of Christ is set upon Fruit**
 - not just the quantity but the quality

1. Fruit - "Remain In Me" - The Fruit of Repentance

1. Remain in me and I in you - bear fruit that remains - it doesn't say bear faith that remains - it says bear fruit!
 - i. Faithfulness isn't the lesson here
 1. Fruitfulness is the lesson here
 - ii. Faithfulness leads to Fruitfulness
 - iii. Fearfulness leads to Fruitlessness
2. Fruit that is not connected to the vine rots and the fruit that is connected ripens
3. **2 Corinthians 7:11 (NKJV) 7 Fruits of Repentance**
 - i. *For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.*
4. His Commandments Require Our Commitment
5. The first level of Fruit is the Fruit of Repentance

2. More Fruit - "I in You" - The Fruits of Continuance

1. The second level of Fruit is the Fruit of Continuance
 - i. Spiritual Fruit Comes From Spiritual Fullness
2. **John 15:2 (NIV)** - *He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*
 - i. Who's He - Holy Spirit - 3rd person of Trinity
 - ii. Pruning Is Not For Punishing It Is For Producing
 1. **Prune = *kathairo*** - *to cleanse, of filth impurity, to prune trees and vines from useless shoots that cause hindrances*
3. **Galatians 5:22-24 (NJKV) 9 Fruits of Continuance**
 - i. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

3. Much Fruit - "If You Remain in Me & My Word Remains in You" - Transference

1. There is a special ingredient for this level of Fruit bearing - The Word
2. **John 15:7-8**
 - (7) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
 - (8) This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

3. Trees that bear fruit in abundance are trees that get regular pruning and they are trees that are well watered

i. Well Watered Trees - Well watered roots

1. Water with the word

ii. Establish roots by Watering with the Word

1. The deeper the root - the bigger the fruit

iii. Trees that lack water will often drop fruit prematurely

1. They're able to bear fruit but they're not able to ripen the fruit

2. Or if they do bear fruit they're not able to keep it

iv. Trees that are well watered bear much fruit – Fruit that Remains

A bamboo tree spends the first 4 ½ years growing its root system and nothing shows above ground. For 4 ½ years, it seems like nothing is happening as you continue to water. But in the next 6 weeks, it grows 90 feet tall. Some of us have been serving the Lord for so long and seem to think there's no fruit. Keep watering and you will eventually see much fruit. Remain faithful in the Word.