

Celebrating the Lord's Table



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John 15:1-6

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➤ 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 For **I received from the Lord** that which I also **delivered to you**: that the **Lord Jesus** on the *same* night in which He was betrayed **took bread**; ²⁴ and when He had **given thanks**, ***He broke it and said***, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken **for you**; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, **saying**, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This **do**, as often as **you** drink *it*, **in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁶ For as often as **you** eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim** the Lord’s death till He comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:27–30 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Our Purpose

Trinity Baptist Church exists **to Glorify God** through Christ-like Disciples who make other disciples.

Our Passion

Christ-like Disciple: **Be One, Follow One, Lead One, Win One**

Matthew 7:15–20 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ **You will know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, **every good tree bears good fruit**, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ **A good tree cannot bear bad fruit**, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore **by their fruits you will know them.**

Examining the Good Fruit of A Christ-like Disciple

- John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
- John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “**I am the light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
- John 10:7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**.
John 10:9 I am the door. **If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved**, and will go in and out and find pasture.

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- John 10:11 **“I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- John 11:25 Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- John 15:1 **“I am the true vine,** and My Father is the vinedresser.

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A. Christ's Disciples (His branches) will bear evident Fruit.

- John 15:1–4 “I am the true vine, and **My Father is the vinedresser.** ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit **He takes away**; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, **that it may bear more fruit.** ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As **the branch cannot bear fruit of itself**, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Examining the Good Fruit of A Christ-like Disciple

A. Christ's Disciples (His branches) will bear evident Fruit.

- John 15:5–6 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**.⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

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1. The Vinedresser/(The Father) – Removes the dead wood.

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- Psalm 119:65–68 You have **dealt well with Your servant**, O LORD, according to Your word. ⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments. ⁶⁷ **Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.** ⁶⁸ You *are* good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

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- Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, **afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.

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3. The True Vine / (Jesus) is the source of fruit – He enables His branches.

- John 15:1a,4 “I am the true vine, . . . **4 Abide in Me**, and I in you. As **the branch cannot bear fruit of itself**, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

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4. The responsibility of the Living Branches – what must we do to bear evident fruit – ABIDE in Jesus.

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**B. How do we know if we are abiding in Jesus?
What are the activities of a Christ-like disciple.**

**1. Abiding branches are nourished through the
WORD.**

- John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you**
- Psalm 119:11–12 Your word **I have hidden in my heart**, That I might not sin against You. ¹²
Blessed are You, O LORD! **Teach me Your statutes.**

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**B. How do we know if we are abiding in Jesus?
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2. Abiding branches are persistent in prayer.

- John 15:7–8 If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you**, **you will ask** what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

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What are the activities of a Christ-like
disciple?**

**3. Abiding branches maintain first love
devotion to Jesus.**

- John 15:9–10 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; **abide in My love.** ¹⁰ **If you keep My commandments**, you will abide in My love.

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C. The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus.

1. God is glorified by answering prayer.

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C. The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus.

2. God is glorified by the transformed lives of Christ-like disciples.

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C. The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus.

3. God is glorified by sharing His joy with Christ-like disciples.

- John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy** may remain in you, and *that your joy may be full.*