

GETTING BACK TO BASICS

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CONSISTENCY IN GOD'S WORD

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 (KJV)

¹⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:33 (KJV)

³³For God is not the *author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

EPHESIANS 4:3-6 (KJV)

³ endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

JOHN 15:1-3 (KJV)

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

WHAT KIND OF FRUIT ARE WE CALLED TO BEAR?

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (KJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

COLOSSIANS 1:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN IN CHRIST

1. Abide in Jesus so He can abide in us.
2. We have to keep God's word continually on our hearts and minds and use the Holy Spirit dwelling in us to guide our actions.
3. We have to maintain the habit of constant and intimate communion with Christ in order to draw the lifegiving water from Him.
4. We have to obey His commands, remaining in His love and loving each other keeping our life clean through following the principles given to us by God's infallible scripture, resisting sin and yielding to the Holy Spirit's direction.

JOHN 15:7-10 (KJV)

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

I JOHN 5:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

SUMMARY OF JOHN 15

- The responsibility of remaining in Christ is on each one of us. This is the response to God's prior gift of salvation and the power given to us by the Holy Spirit at our conversion.
- When we accept Christ as our savior we will eternal life.
- Remaining in Christ results in Jesus' continued indwelling giving us fruitfulness, success in prayer and the fullness of joy.
- The consequences of failing to remain in Christ is fruitlessness removal from the vine and destruction.

COLOSSIANS 1:10

¹⁰ that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

LUKE 18:1-8 (KJV)

¹ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; ² saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: ³ and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴ And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

LUKE 18:1-8 (KJV)

⁵ yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. ⁶ And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. ⁷ And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? ⁸ I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

WE LEARN SEVERAL THINGS

1. We must persevere in prayer with regard to all matters until Jesus returns.
2. In this life we have an adversary, Satan.
3. Prayer can protect us from the evil one in our prayers.
4. Persistent prayer is counted as faith.

LUKE 18:7 (KJV)

⁷And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

JOHN 14:3 (KJV)

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

LUKE 18:8 (KJV)

⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

LUKE 14:15-24

