

# ***Relational Joy!***

*Sunday May 14, 2023  
Series: Inexpressible Joy  
Happy Mothers Day!*

*“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be full.” John 15:11  
ESV*

## **My Joy in Christ is Realized by Embracing the Lifestyle of a Jesus Follower!**

**My Fruitfulness is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for Me**

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.”*

*John 15:1 ESV*

*“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.”*

*Romans 11:17–18 ESV*

*“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”*

*John 15:2 ESV*

**The Fathers Task to the \_\_\_\_\_**

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**My Spiritual Fruitfulness comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

**Three Sources of \_\_\_\_\_ to Unfruitfulness**

*“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.”*

*1 John 2:15–16 ESV*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**My Fruitfulness is My \_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **to God’s Grace (Working) in My Life**

*“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.”*

*John 15:3 ESV*

## 2. Implement the \_\_\_\_\_ of My Spiritual Development

*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”*  
John 15:4 ESV

*“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.””*  
John 8:31–32 ESV

(Also Romans 12:2)

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”*  
John 15:5 ESV

## 3. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of Not Following Jesus

*“If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”*  
John 15:6 ESV

**No Choice is a No Choice!**

### Three Interpretations

- Christians Lose Their \_\_\_\_\_

- Professing Christians Who Do Not \_\_\_\_\_ (Parable of Sheep and Goats)

*“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*  
Matthew 25:46 ESV

- Christians Lose Their \_\_\_\_\_

*“If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”*  
1 Corinthians 3:15 ESV

## 4. Multiplication of \_\_\_\_\_ as I Grow in Christ

*“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”*  
John 15:7 ESV

## 5. Demonstration of \_\_\_\_\_

*“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”* John 15:8 ESV

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”*

John 15:9–10 ESV

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