

Abiding in Christ (Part 6)
(John 15:1-11)

- I. The Christian life involves nothing less than vital spiritual union with Christ (vs. 4, 5).
- II. Spiritual union with Christ inevitably yields spiritual fruit (v. 5).
- III. Spiritual fruitfulness hinges on abiding in Christ (v. 4).
 - A. We abide in Christ by continuing in His Word (v. 7a).
 - B. We abide in Christ by continuing in prayer (v. 7b).
 - C. We abide in Christ by continuing in His love (vs. 9, 10).
 - D. We abide in Christ by submitting to the Father's pruning activity (vs. 2, 3, 6)
 1. The General Method of the Father's Pruning Activity Described (v. 2)
 - The Father takes away dead branches.

 - The Father prunes good branches.
 2. The Present Pleasant Result of the Father's Pruning Activity Declared (v. 3)
 - John 13:10; 17:17; Eph. 5:26; 1 Pet. 1:22
 3. The Future Dreadful Outcome of the Father's Pruning Activity Depicted (v. 6)

Practical Lessons

- 1) Make every effort to see to it that you are truly abiding in Christ.

- 2) We are called, as part of the abiding process, to submit to the Father's pruning activity.