

# HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED

## JOHN 15:1-8

Text: John 15:8

### **John 15:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

### Introduction:

What is the purpose for our existence? As a Christian we can abide in Christ and know God's leading in our life day by day.

The more we abide in Him the greater our desire will be to fulfill His purpose. The more we abide in Him the more we learn of Him.

Each of us has been saved for a reason. God has a purpose for your life. Have you ever come to the place in your Christian life when you could say, "Lord I no longer want to live life for my gratification, my pursuits, and my ambitions? I want to fulfill Your purpose for my life.

When we get to that point in our lives, we have come to a place of maturity. The Christian life is found producing fruit for the Lord Jesus Christ – fruit that is honoring and glorifying to the Heavenly Father.

# 1. THE PURPOSE OF THE ABIDING CHRISTIAN

A. God's purpose for my life is that I will bear fruit.

## **John 15:2 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## **John 15:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

B. Abiding in Christ will lead me to know and fulfill His purpose.

Fruit bearing in the Bible involves more than leading people to Jesus Christ. That is a small part of a bigger picture. Fruit bearing is Christ likeness.

# 2. THE PRODUCT OF THE ABIDING CHRISTIAN

A. The Fruit of the Spirit

1. Love – God like love (Read 1 Cor. 13)

2. Joy – Inner spiritual joy
3. Peace – From God not from pills
4. Longsuffering – Steadfast under pressure
5. Gentleness – Kindness that expresses care and compassion to others.
6. Goodness – The opposite of evil
7. Faith
8. Meekness – Power under control
9. Temperance – Self control

B. Bringing Other to Christ

### **3. THE PRAISE OF THE ABIDING CHRISTIAN**

A. Individually

C. As a Church