

# Gospel of John

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1. No fruit 2. Fruit 3. Pruned to bear more fruit 4. Abide in Him then bears much fruit!

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Thrown away, withers, thrown into the fire. Paul equates to building w/wood, hay, straw!

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A believer cannot lose eternal salvation. But no fruit = suffers loss of eternal rewards...

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A believer that abides in Christ, bearing much fruit. Keep His commands = His joy in us!

What does Jesus give them, again, as His great command? 15:12-13, 17, 13:34; 1Thess.4:9-12

You are to love one another as I have loved you. No greater love than dying for friends.

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You are His friend if you do what He commands you; starts w/salvation. Avoid the world!

What new relationship do they now have? 15:15; Mt.13:11; James 2:23; Gen.18:16-21

They are now His friends because He has made known to them all from the Father.

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You didn't choose Me, I chose you; appointed to go/bear fruit. Ask Father, love each other