

Farewell Discourse Pt. 11- Fruit Happens (2)

16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Matthew 7:16-18

Only the good, loving and generous things that we do in the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit will be remembered forever.

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, Matthew 6:1-2

There must be profound transformation in our character to in order to not just act loving but to be love.

The problems in our community and in our world are not human sized, they are God sized and God sized problems demand God sized solutions.

I am the true vine, John 15:1a

8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. 11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. Psalm 80:8

We are saved for the world not just saved from the world.

“Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” Isaiah 5:5-6

2 He (The Father) cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. John 15:2

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Matthew 3:8-10

A close look at Jesus’ actual words shows that part of his love for us included telling us how we can eternally separate ourselves from him.

Fruit wrought out of repentance is the best because it is always produced by Jesus with a very clear concept of who God truly is.