

DISCIPLE/BELIEVER SERMON NUMBER 2

FAITH, FAITH, FAITH!!!!!!????....Where is YOUR Faith???

In His strength or YOURS?...*Is your wisdom, His Wisdom or YOURS?*

REMEMBER: The wisdom of men is the folly of God!

REVIEW-Does your FAITH produce FRUIT? Gal 5

The writer of Hebrews expects ALL believers to Mature in faith and become Disciples *AND* Teachers or MAKE OTHER DISCIPLES!

Hebrews 5:12-6:1a *In fact, though **by this time you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. **You need milk, not solid food!***

*Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. **But solid food is for the mature**, who by **constant use** have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. **Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.***

POINT: A BELIEVER can survive on the MILK of God's Word...

HOWEVER a DISCIPLE will outgrow milk and stop maturing spiritually without SOLID FOOD!

Are you STILL ready for BEEF...that would be the MEAT of God's Word?

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES NOT BELIEVERS.....

Matt. 28:19-20 *"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

What are The Blessings of a Total Commitment to Christ?

Abundant *Fruit of the Spirit* in our life

Future Rewards at Bema & Rev. 2 and 3 (20+ different rewards)

Greater Blessings in this life (The Abundant life promise of Jesus)

Greater Faith in THIS life that pleases God
Closer FELLOWSHIP with Jesus!

A faith that others can see, as salt and light to the glory of Christ

WHY should I become a disciple of Jesus?

It's our job as a believer

Because Jesus said so

I will see Jesus "face to face" and want to hear, "Well done good and faithful servant"

Walking by faith pleases God, "without faith its impossible to please God"

It's my personal way of thanking God for all He has done for me.....

BELIEVER IS JUSTIFICATION...A FREE GIFT OF GOD

DISCIPLE IS SANCTIFICATION...MY RESPONSE OF LOVE AND OBEDIENCE TO
GOD (Disciple, Jesus as Lord, sometimes begins at same time as Savior)

Summary:

DISCIPLESHIP DEFINITION=

FLEXIBLE FAITH "TODAY" for the will of God!

The Ten Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus from the Word of God!

A disciple...

1. Must be a genuine believer (John 11:25-26, John 3:14-18, John 6:64-71) **Week 1**

2. Bears MUCH fruit (John 15:8). **Week 2**

3. Holds Jesus as the object of highest affection (Luke 14:26). **Week 3**

4. Allows themselves to be conformed to Jesus will (Luke 14:27). **Week 3**

5. Patterns their life after Jesus (Luke 14:27). **Week 3**

6. Loves others (John 13:35). **Week 4 opening of New Church Dec 1**

7. Stewards Jesus possessions rather than clinging to them (Luke 14:33). **Week 5**

8. Abides in God's Word (John 8:31). **The next three all Week 6**

9. Is a BAPTIZED believer (Matthew 28:19-20) **Week 6 (Bap-Jan 19)**

10. Is actively involved in making OTHER disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE TOGETHER! 😊

TURN IN BIBLES TO MATT CHAPTER 7

Hermeneutics on an often misinterpreted passage

SLIDE A-Terror passage to beat up Christians Faith 😊

Matt. 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

¹⁴ "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵ "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in

sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from

thistles, are they? ¹⁷ "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree

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many miracles?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, You who practice lawlessness.'

SLIDE B importance of CONTEXT! 😊

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SLIDE

AND WHAT IS, “The will of My Father”?

John 6:40 *“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”*

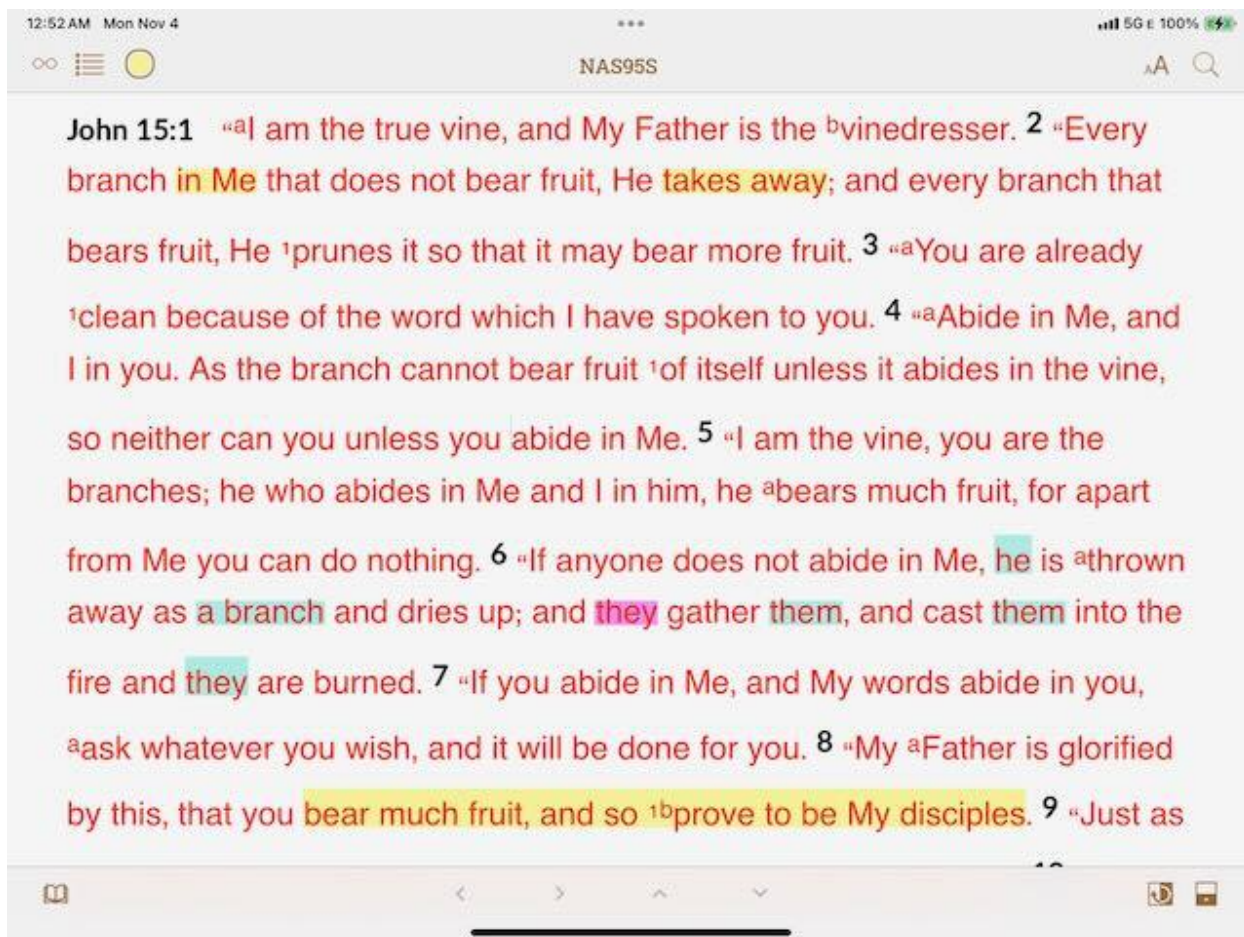
Believer/Disciple Distinction per Jesus!

*John 8:30-31 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him. So Jesus was saying to those Jews **who had believed Him**, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;”*

According to this verse, is “abiding” a choice?
Yes or No? Why or Why Not?

**JOHN 15-Upper Room Fruit
unpacking, NOT inspecting 😊**

**A DISCIPLE OF JESUS Bears MUCH fruit
(John 15:8)**



It is contrary to God's character to go back on His Word and *take away* salvation from one who is saved and "*in*" Christ! (John 15:16)

It is contrary to God's character for Him to cut one off who is "in" Christ. His grace is limitless and He is the One who has justified and "already but not yet" glorified every believer! (Rom. 8:30) However, as long as you are on this earth **the Father's goal is to glorify Himself through those who are in Christ!** (John 15:8)

Our Father glorifies Himself by supporting believers **at all times** and ***lifts them up*** when they are not bearing fruit so as to receive

the nourishing rays of SON-light and produce much fruit as believers can do nothing in their own strength or power (John 15:5). In the same way un-fruiting grapevines cannot produce fruit without photosynthesis, which may require a Vinedresser to lift them above the other vines to receive the nourishing rays of light. Bearing FRUIT is something God wants every believer to do, but is not possible with A PURE HEART UNLESS you are abiding in Christ allowing GOD the HOLY SPIRIT to produce this fruit in you!

FINISH WITH....

What does FRUIT look like?

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

TURN TO...GAL. 5:22-23, The battle of the NEW vs. the OLD YOU!

COMMUNION

Song: Lead Me to the Cross