

“THE PARTICIPANTS IN SPIRITUAL FRUITBEARING” (John 15:1-2)

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

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A. The PARTICIPANTS in Spiritual Fruitbearing (15:1-2)

1. The primary point of this passage is that God wants you to be _____ as a disciple of Christ by _____ in the Vine—Jesus Christ. (15:1-11)

2. This passage most likely occurs on His way to the _____. (14:31; 18:1)

** What else do we know about the context of this passage? And why is this significant?*

3. The first participant in the spiritual fruitbearing process is _____, who is described as the _____ (*ampelōs*). (15:1)

** What does this teach us about Him?*

4. The second participant in the spiritual fruitbearing process is _____, who is described as the _____ (*geōrgos*). (15:1)

** What does this teach us about Him?*

** What does this tell us so far about the emphasis of the Christian life?*

5. The third participants in the spiritual fruitbearing process are _____ who are described as _____ in the Vine. (15:2)

** What does the phrase “in Me” indicate about the believer’s position?*

** Why is this so important?*

** Why do some people deny that the phrase “in Me” refers to your positional union with Christ?*

6. In the process of spiritual fruitbearing, the Father _____ (*airō*) believers who are _____ or He _____ (*kathairō*) believers who are already bearing fruit so that they bear _____. (15:2)

** What does it mean that the Father “takes away” (*airō*) unfruitful branches?*

** What can you learn from all of this?*