

## **“THE PROCESS OF SPIRITUAL FRUITBEARING” (John 15:3-5)**

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

### **II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)**

### **III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)**

### **IV. THE LAST DISCOURSE: TEACHING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (13:1-17:26)**

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

#### **B. The PROCESS of Spiritual Fruitbearing (15:3-5)**

##### **1. The Necessity of CLEANSING (15:3)**

a) To be spiritually fruitful, one must first be cleansed in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5) and “judicial” \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:10).

*\* How should this affect our approach toward the lost?*

*\* What means does God use in accomplishing this? (James 1:18; 1 Pt. 1:23-25)*

*\* Are you “clean” in this sense?*

b) To be spiritually fruitful, a believer in Christ must also be cleansed in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in order to have \_\_\_\_\_ with God (1 Jn. 1:9).

*\* What means does God use in accomplishing this? (Ps. 119:9-11; Eph. 5:26-27)*

*\* Are you “clean” in this sense?*

*\* Which sense of “clean” is Jesus referring to in John 15:3?*

##### **2. The Necessity of ABIDING (15:4-5)**

a) The word “abide” (*menō*) in v4 is a \_\_\_\_\_, and it means “to \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ where one has been place or located.”

\* *What is the difference between being “in Christ” and “abiding in Christ”?*

\* *How are believers and Christ related? (Acts 9:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27; Eph. 5:30; Col. 1:27)*

\* *How does this apply to living the Christian life? (Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17; Col. 3:4)*

b) As spiritual branches, we can only \_\_\_\_\_ (*pherō*, Jn. 15:4-5) spiritual fruit, not \_\_\_\_\_ it.

c) It is \_\_\_\_\_ to do this, apart from \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (Rom. 7:15-25)

\* *In the context of John 15, what is the “fruit” produced by the Vine through the branches?*

\* *What will abiding in Jesus Christ, the True Vine, result in?*