

Continue

John 15:1-17

Christ encourages continued faithfulness

A. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

1. Beware of Counterfeits (15:1-2)

a. There is only one true vine (v 1)

Isaiah 5:7

Isaiah 43:11

b. There are only one set of true branches (v 2)

John 10:16

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A. Continue In Christ (15:1-8) - continued

2 Be fruitful (15:3-5)

a. Be clean (v 3)

Psalm 119:9

b. Be connected (v 4)

c. Be complete (v 5)

3. Be faithful (15:6-8)

a. Faithlessness exposed (v 6)

b. Faithfulness encouraged (vv 7-8)

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B. Continue In Love (15:9-12)

1. Follow the Father (15:9)

2. Follow the Son (15:10)

3. Find true joy in Christ (15:11-12)

a. That lasts (v 11)

b. That lives (to fulfill) (v 11)

2 Thessalonians 1:11

c. That loves (v 12)

1 John 4:7-9

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C. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

1. To be Christ's friend (15:13-15)

a. Made by the sacrifice of Christ (v 13)

1 John 3:16

b. Made by the surrender to Christ

c. Made by the sense (knowledge/mind) of Christ

James 2:23

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C. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

2. To be Christ's fulfillment (15:16-17)

1 Corinthians 15:13-17

1 Corinthians 3:9

a. The commissioned of God (v 16)

1 Peter 2:9

b. The commanded of God (v 17)

1). As His people

Psalm 100:3

2). As His witnesses

Acts 5:32

3). As His workers

Ephesians 2:10

Get Ready
John 15:18-27

Christ Prepares His Disciples For Service

I. Realize Future Rejection Is Coming (15:18-19)

John 15:18-19

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

I. Realize Future Rejection Is Coming (15:18-19)

A. The rage of the world (15:18)

1 John 3:13

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Matthew 5:10-11

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

I. Realize Future Rejection Is Coming (15:18-19)

B. The reasons for this rage (15:18-19)

1. Rejection of Christ

John 7:7

The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

I. Realize Future Rejection Is Coming (15:18-19)

B. The reasons for this rage (15:18-19) - continued

2. Rejection of them

a. Separated from the world

1 Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

I. Realize Future Rejection Is Coming (15:18-19)

B. The reasons for this rage (15:18-19) - continued

2. Rejection of them

b. Separated by Christ

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

II. Remember What Has Happened (15:20-25)

A. Who you now serve (15:20a)

- and how you were served

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

John 13:16-17

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

II. Remember What Has Happened (15:20-25)

B. Who will serve with you (15:20b)

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II. Remember What Has Happened (15:20-25)

C. Why you will suffer (15:21-23)

John 15:21-23

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

II. Remember What Has Happened (15:20-25)

D. What works were done (15:24-25)

John 15:24-25

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

III. Receive The Witness (15:26)

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

A. Promised by Christ

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

B. Proclaims Christ

IV. Relate Your Witness (15:27)

John 15:27

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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1 John 1:1-4

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Are You Ready?