

## SPRING MORNING BIBLE CLASS 2022

## JOHN 15:1-16 part 5

**"Takes away"**

John 15:2 AMPC: "Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanse and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit."

**Profession, False—Believers, Warning to—Fruit bearing—Judgment of believers:** There are the unfruitful branches. They are taken away. Note that they are \_\_\_\_\_ branches. They differ from the \_\_\_\_\_ branches. (**John 15:4-6**) Jesus said that they are '\_\_\_\_' Me, but they have a \_\_\_\_\_: they bear \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.

1. The unfruitful branches \_\_\_\_\_ become attached to Christ. They did have some organic relationship to Him. There was a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, where they began to bud and sprout. They grew into branches. They...
  - ☞ \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and the gospel
  - ☞ \_\_\_\_\_ their ears
  - ☞ \_\_\_\_\_ a profession
  - ☞ were \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☞ \_\_\_\_\_ capable of bearing fruit
  - ☞ \_\_\_\_\_ to be fruitful branches.
2. The branches are unfruitful. They are '\_\_\_\_' the Vine, a \_\_\_\_\_ of it, but they simply bear no fruit. What does this mean?
  - a) Unfruitful branches does \_\_\_\_\_ relate enough to Christ; they do \_\_\_\_\_ draw enough nourishment from Him...
    - ⌚ to \_\_\_\_\_ life
    - ⌚ to \_\_\_\_\_ fruit
    - ⌚ to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Vine.
  - b) Unfruitful branches are \_\_\_\_\_ genuine (true) enough to bear fruit. Their profession is...
    - ✓ more \_\_\_\_\_ than possession
    - ✓ more \_\_\_\_\_ than being
    - ✓ more \_\_\_\_\_ than truth
    - ✓ more \_\_\_\_\_ than real
  - c) Unfruitful branches become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ -- men and women who abandon their faith. "Now the Holy Spirit clearly says that in the later times some people will stop believing [abandon; desert] the faith. They will follow [occupy

themselves with; devote themselves to] spirits that lie [deceiving spirits] and teachings of demons.” (1 Timothy 4:1 EXB)

3. God ‘takes away’ (airei) the unfruitful branches. The word means ‘to take away and to remove’. In relation to the Vine, the branch is pruned, removed, and taken away. This is a severe (serious) \_\_\_\_\_ to every branch ‘in’ the Vine, to make sure his profession is genuine (true) enough to bear fruit.
4. Scripture says at least two things about the JUDGMENT of unfruitful branches that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) The unfruitful branches that sin are taken away and removed from the Vine and destroyed by \_\_\_\_\_. John 15:6 EXB: “If any do not remain [abide] in Me, they are like a branch that is thrown away and then dies [withers; dries up]. People pick up [gather together] dead branches, throw them into the fire, and burn them.”
  - b) The unfruitful branches that sin are chastened and disciplined by being taken away and removed through \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible warns professing believers of severe (serious) chastening, the chastening of...
    - sinful behavior that causes \_\_\_\_\_ of all rewards by fire—a \_\_\_\_\_ so great a man or woman is stripped as much as a burned-out building. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all except the very salvation of man. “But if the building [work] is burned up, the builder will suffer loss [or be fined; or be punished]. The builder will be saved, but it will be as one who escaped from a fire [through fire].” (1 Corinthians 3:15 EXB)
    - sinful behavior that “then hand this man over to Satan. So his sinful self will be \_\_\_\_\_ [sinful nature will be purged; or body/flesh will be destroyed; or body will be beaten down by sin], and his (human) spirit will be saved on the day of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 5:5 EXB)
    - sinful behavior that causes \_\_\_\_\_. “...there is sin [or a sin] that leads to [eternal] death [probably referring to the false teachers, their rejection of the Spirit’s work having put them beyond repentance; see Mark 3:29]...” (1 John 5:16)
    - sinful behavior that merits (defines ‘to be worthy of; deserve’) \_\_\_\_\_ escape. “So be careful and [see that you] do not refuse to listen when God speaks. If those who refused to listen to Him when He warned them on earth did not escape, how much worse will it be for us if we refuse to listen to God who warns us from heaven?” (Hebrews 12:25 EXB)
    - sinful behavior that \_\_\_\_\_ man from ever repenting again. “It is impossible to restore the changed heart of the one who has fallen from faith—who has already been enlightened, has tasted the gift of new life from God, has shared in the power of the Holy Spirit...” (Hebrews 6:4 VOC)
    - sinful behavior that prohibits any future sacrifice for sins and merits terrible punishment. “Now if we willfully persist in sin after receiving such knowledge of the truth, then there is no sacrifice left for those sins—” (Hebrews 10:26 VOC)
5. The point must be \_\_\_\_\_, for Scripture gives severe (serious) warnings to believers, that is, to the branches “\_\_\_\_\_” the Vine. The branches \_\_\_\_\_ make sure they are bearing fruit or else face severe (serious) judgment.