

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD" . . . A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The Believer's Three Relationships in John 15

John 15:1-11 Pew Bible – Page 589

(Large print edition available at the table on both sides of the Worship Center)

In John 15 Jesus sets forth 3 prevailing categories of relationships and a prominent focus for each one.

Verses 1-11 – Believer and Christ – “ _____ ”

Verses 12-17 – Believer and Believer – “ _____ ”

Verses 18-27 – Believer and World – “ _____ ”

“Abide” = remain, stay, persist, dwell

The primary teaching of this parable is not about believers striving to bear fruit, but that believers will bear fruit.

An external connection with Christ based on “doing and being good” will be lifeless and lead to condemnation. Jesus revealed the key to life and spiritual fruit is believing Him for salvation and _____ in Him. John 15:1-11

The Images in this Parable

The vine = Jesus The gardener = God The branches = Christians

The fruit = _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit

The Activity of God

- If there is no fruit God _____ the branch. Verses 2; 13:10-11 - If there is fruit, God trims away what is dead to enhance the active growth. We experience this through _____. Verse 3; James 1:2-12 - After believing for salvation, our part is to persevere in a faith that results in trust and obedience. Verse 4 – If we dwell with Christ, we bear fruit. Verse 5

The person once connected to Christ externally who departs from Him is like Judas, a branch without life that will be punished in eternal _____. (Matthew 25:46). Verse 6

The Benefits of Abiding

In contrast to those in verse 6, those who remain are being conformed to God's mind and desires through their prayers. Verses 7-8

The Father's love overflows to Christ who then offers their love to us in salvation. Christ remained in His Father's love by keeping His commands, just as Christians are to _____ in the Trinity's love by keeping Christ's commands. Verses 9-10

Jesus promises us great spiritual _____ and abundant _____ as we abide in and stay near to Him!!! Verse 11



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God

MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

September 6, 2026

T-SHIRT SUNDAY

Available at tables in the main foyer after each worship service - You must be present to receive a shirt.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ Central desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E³ Central for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

The church offices will be closed tomorrow as we celebrate the Labor Day holiday.

Faith Fellowship Day

Thank you for your support of our recent Faith Fellowship Day at Jason's Deli. Jason's donated \$715 to our youth-event scholarship fund as a result.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Our monthly senior adult luncheon is Monday, September 14. Menu is pizza (provided) so bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Program will be on our local heritage, including historic homes of Wichita Falls. The luncheon begins at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall and everyone is welcome.

Reach Texas State Missions Offering

September 1 began our month-long emphasis on our Reach Texas state missions offering. This annual offering is a way for us to participate in the Great Commission across Texas as more churches are started and more people are reached for Christ. 100% of funds contributed goes to missions and ministry with no administrative costs deducted. A prayer guide is in today's bulletin. Offering envelopes are at the missions desk in the Worship Center main foyer. Thank you for praying and giving.

Christmas Choir

Our kickoff listening party is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We need your voice in choir with us or you playing your instrument in our orchestra! Contact David Mace in the Church Office for additional information, and plan on joining us. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Christmas Orchestra rehearsals will begin in October.

To assist in contributing to our church as God leads you.



Experience God Together with Us

- 8:00 a.m. Streaming of last week's sermon available online
- 8:15 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
- 9:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Craig Lile - Pastor • Larry Shields - Associate Pastor of Administration/Senior Adults • Caleb Parrish - Minister of Youth
Brett Storseth - Minister of Discipleship • David Mace - Minister of Blended Worship • Adam Turnbo - Minister of Contemporary Worship/ Evangelism
John Tunnell - Interim College Minister • Mandy Ratliff - Preschool/Children's Director • Justin Green - Media and Tech Coordinator

Faith Fellowship Supper

Our Wednesday night meals are at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Wednesday's menu is brisket, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. Cost is \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members) and \$2 for college students. Tickets are available each Wednesday in the Family Life Center starting at 5:15 p.m. with serving starting at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Abide in Discernment Conference

Plan to join us Saturday, September 19, to hear guest speaker Candy Gibbs teaching on how to better discern God's voice and to live a life of discernment. Cost is \$15. Scan the QR code for full details. Registration is available online at faithwf.com and in person in the Worship Center foyer.



- BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Reception Hall
 - BOOK CLUB – Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Freddy's on Call Field Rd
 - DINNER GROUPS – Contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733-6830
- More information: Lauren Welch (940-631-0579), at faithwf.com/women and on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry".

Tithes and Offerings

Offering stands are located at the exit doors for your contributions. Online and mailed contributions are also welcomed. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.



Our 9th annual Operation Christmas Child packing party will be Wednesday, October 14 from 6:30-7:30 in the FLiC. Collection begins today and bins are located in the Worship Center foyer, by the Church Office and in the FLiC hallway. Items to be collected are: **Personal Items** (combs, washcloths, toothbrushes etc.), **School Supplies** (pencils, crayons, notepads, etc.), **WOW toys** (soccer balls with pumps, stuffed animal/doll, **Small Toys** (cars, yoyos, jump ropes, small balls, etc.) All items must fit in a shoebox. No food/candy, war-related toys, or liquid items (including toothpaste). Postage to mail 1 box is \$10.00. If you would like to help pay the postage, be sure and mark your donation for OCC postage. Last year we filled 396 boxes. Check out our Operation Christmas Child Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code or going to this link: <https://a.co/0bWo5jcp>.



Parent Room to assist parents with restless children, the Parent Room is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

E³ Central is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.