

Message on John 15:1-9 VINE

A FRUITFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE is a life that fulfills the greatest purpose for living - to bring glory to God.

• 12:1,5 *I am the true Vine. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.*

• What the world needs to see is the spotlight shined on God. This will enable those who hunger and thirst to know God, to find him and believe that He is the true and living God, creator, & savior. He is coming back to resurrect them from the dead and bring them into the new heavens and earth and help them live under blessing in this life.

-1- **Our good works** put a spotlight on God. We want people to ask, "Why are you doing this?" • *"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

-2- **Asking.** God answers prayer. *"But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to the Father."*

PRUNING is mostly a lifting up. God stand us up on our feet so we are able to go on with the life we want to live.

• 15:2 *"He ...prunes the branches that do breed fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned for greater fruitfulness by the message I have given you."*

-1- **His pruning is lifting us up** from where we have fallen, washing us off, putting us in the light. • *Psalm 37:24 "Though we stumble we shall not be cast head long (fall on our face) for the Lord is the stay of our hand."*

-2- **Pruning is the message of His grace.** Message is John 3:16,17 God loves. God gives His son so that we will not perish.

He does not add to the hopelessness of our life by condemning us but by saving us.

• Ephesians 1:3,6 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...He has made us accepted in the Beloved."*

REMAIN or abide is our choice and the Master's choice to stay connected. 15:4 *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the Vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me."*