
Benefits of the Fruit (It's Yours)

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Benefits of the Fruit (It's Yours)

New Series Messages: "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit"

- **How do we know the Holy Spirit is Working?**
- Scripture: Galatians 5: ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- Subject: Where's the Fruit? (Fill Up or Cover Up)
- Subject: What's the Fruit? (Good or Evil)
- Subject: The Purpose of the Fruit (Paying the Cost to Win the Lost)
- Subject: Cultivating Your Ground (Producing Much Fruit)
- Subject: Overcoming Spiritual Anti-Fruit (Are You Taking Your Spirit Probiotics?)
 - Overcoming the Sins Against the Body (Defiling Your Temple)
 - Overcoming the Sins Against God (Defiling Your Worship)
 - Overcoming the Sins Against Each Other (Defiling Your Relationships)

Lesson Text

John 15:5–8 (AV)⁵ I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 15:16 (AV)¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Matthew 19:27–30 (AV)²⁷ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** ²⁹ And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. ³⁰ But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

Introduction

How many of you have things that you wanted, desired, prayed and fasted for; but have never received or achieve them?

The things or desires that always remain elusive, just out or reach; close, but no cigar!

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As a result, we can become frustrated, disappointed, exasperated, and even depressed; especially when we see others, especially the wicked obtaining them.

Psalm 73:2–3 (AV)² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. ³ For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

So why does this happen when Jesus has promised to give us whatever we ask for?

John 15: ⁷ ... **ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

The answer to this dilemma comes from understanding the process of obtaining benefits.

We all want benefits; so much so that we tend to ask about them even before we get the job.

But “first things first”! Before you can obtain benefits, you must first meet the requirements.

People want the wealth and prosperity, the fame and notoriety, or the power and protection of the job; but they have not met the qualifications for the job nor the requirements for its benefits.

Even in the church, many people want to exercise and use the Gifts of the Spirit to reap the benefits of promotion, power, authority, prosperity, and fame; but ultimately, they have not yet met the prerequisites for these benefits.

The Clark Sisters use to sing, “Name It, Claim It, It's Yours for Asking, It's Yours for Blessing, whatever you need from the Lord”!

But before you can Name It and Claim it, you have to Qualify for It.

John 15: ⁷ **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

The Benefits are ours, but we must meet the qualifications to Name It and Claim It.

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“Qualifying for the Benefit, Asking for the Benefits, and Receiving the Benefits”

I. Qualifying for the Benefits

John 15:⁵ **I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.**

Before there can be benefits, there must be requirements. Before a harvest, there must be sowing. Before a payday, there must be work. Before blessings, there must be suffering.

1 Peter 5:¹⁰ ...after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect stablish strengthen settle *you*.

To many people want the things of God but are not doing the work of God. They believe God but are not willing to Trust God through the trails, tribulations, and sufferings.

James 2:20 (AV)²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

To Qualify for the Benefits, We Must Abide in Him

John 15:⁵ ... **He that abideth in me, and I in him** (Christ does his part, but we must do ours).

To abide in Christ means to maintain a vital spiritual connection based on a mutual inhabitation.

If we don't abide or maintain the connection, then we can do nothing and are cast into the fire.

Anybody can be connected during the good season, but we **Quality** when we **Abide** through trials, tribulations, struggle, trouble, and suffering.

We abide in Him when we Stay Connected ...

1. Through the Word (Psalm 1:² ...in his law doth he meditate day and night)
2. Through Prayer and Fasting (Matt 17:²¹ **this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**)
3. Through Righteous Living (Romans 6:¹ Shall we continue in sin, ... ² God forbid.)
4. Through Praise and Worship (Psalm 34:¹ I will bless the LORD at all times)

II. Asking for the Benefits

John 15:⁷ **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Once we have met the requirements and qualify, we then have the right to ask for the benefits.

Most companies that offer benefits first requires a waiting period before you can use them. But after you've put in your time, it's your responsibility to go to HR and ask for them.

The enemy tries to keep us from asking for our benefits even after we've qualified for them.

James 4:2-3 (AV)² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

The two biggest problems we face after qualifying is 1) Not Asking for our benefits, and 2) Asking for the wrong benefits.

James says you have not because you ask not. Why? We're too busy fighting each other for what they have instead of asking God for what he has for us.

And even when we do ask, we ask with the wrong motives, selfishly seeking to please our flesh.

To Ask for the Benefits, We Must Ask In His Name

John 15:16 (AV)¹⁶ **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

The key is not simply asking but asking **"In My Name"**!

"In My Name" means in the spirit of, mind of, desire and will of Jesus.

We can't use Jesus name for something that is not in line with who He is.

But when we are "Abiding in Him, and He is Abiding in Us", all we will want is what He wants for us. And when we ask for it, when we "Name it", when we "Claim it", "It's Yours"!

Philippians 4:19 (AV)¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 23:1 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

III. Receiving the Benefits

John 15: ⁸ **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

It's not about what we receive, it's about the glory that comes as a result of what we receive.

When it comes to the benefits, too many people focus on the gifts rather than the giver. It's not about what we get but who gave them to us; and why he gave them to us!

The Who is "Jesus", and the Why is "To Give God Glory"! Benefits are useless if they don't Glorify God.

To Receive the Benefits, We Must Reveal His Glory

True benefits are not in the things we get, but in the glory we reveal.

Romans 8:18 (AV)¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

So how do we reveal the Glory of God? When we bear much fruit regardless of the benefits.

Glory is not revealed when we get a house, it's revealed when we bear fruit even if we lose it.

Glory is not revealed when we get promoted, it's revealed when we bear fruit after a demotion.

Glory is not revealed when we get friends, relationships, wealth, or power, it's revealed when we keep bearing fruit even if they leave and even if we lose everything.

Matthew 19: ²⁹ **And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.** ³⁰ **But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.**

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Benefits of the Fruit (It's Yours))

Study Tools:

- Sermon Video and Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, and Dictionaries: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: ["The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit"](#); Read the Following Chapters:
 - "Part 2: Fruit of the Spirit"
 - "Benefits from Producing the Fruit of the Spirit"
 - "First Things First"
 - "Benefits According to the Name of Jesus"
 - "Benefits in the Name of Jesus"

Lesson Text

- John 15:5–8, John 15:16, Matthew 19:27–30

Sermon Outline

- I. Qualifying for the Benefits
- II. Asking for the Benefits
- III. Receiving the Benefits

Questions

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. What is your top consideration when searching for a job, housing, membership, insurance, etc.?
2. How do you feel when you see those who don't serve God prosper?

II. Into the Bible

1. Believers are privileged to receive the benefits of salvation and the benefits of the Fruit. What benefits did God receive by sending His only begotten Son into this world to die for mankind? Did Christ benefit for obeying His Father's will... if so, how? List supporting scriptures.
2. Believers often boast of their love for God. However, 1 John 4:10 defines love as, God's love for us, not our love for Him. Therefore, 1 John 4:11 says, if God loved us so much, then we ought to love one another. What benefits can our fellow brothers/believers receive when we genuinely and purposefully love them?

III. Life Application

1. Reflect on your day to day life. What does abiding in Christ look like in our everyday activities?
2. Using your own words, state the second point of Sunday's sermon (asking for the benefits) in one or two sentences. What steps will you take to be sure that what you ask is in line with the Lord's will?

Prayer:

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**