

God's Purpose in Purging (John 15:1-11) Part 2

- I. *Who* is the *Authority*—*Who* is in *Control*?—God (v. 1)
- A. Remember that He is the God of Purpose
 - B. Remember that He is the God of Love
 - C. Remember that He is the God that is Good
 - D. Remember that He is the God of Righteousness
 - E. Remember that He is the God who is Trustworthy
- II. *What* is His *Purpose*?—To be *glorified*
- A. To remind us of our *relationship*—Vine to Branch (v. 5)
 - B. To remind us of our *dependency* (v. 4-5)
 - C. To remind us of our *purpose* (v. 8)
 - D. To remind us of our *responsibility* (v. 9-10)
 - E. To remind us of our *Savior's heart* (v. 11)

John 15:1-11 – Our _____ Relationship.

John 15:12-17 – Our _____ Relationships.

When the order is right the end result will be glory to God. This is our end goal!

In order for us to reach this goal, the Lord must take us through a continual purging process.

III. _____ is HIS _____?—_____ (v. 2-3)

“purging” ...the purging of God is both a _____ and _____ process. His goal is to produce fruit through us which brings Him honor and glory.

A. What kind of _____ is God seeking to produce?

Ephesians 2:10 For we are **His** workmanship, created in **Christ Jesus** unto good works, which **God** hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1. Fruit of winning _____ (**Romans 16:5**)
2. Fruits unto _____ (**Romans 6:22**)
3. Fruit of the _____ (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

B. How does God work with _____ branches? (v. 2a)

Q: Why does it not contain any fruit?

1. The _____ for fruitlessness
 - a. _____ Professors of Christ
 - b. _____ Possessors of Christ

Psalm 32:3-4 When I kept silence [*failed to confess sin*], my bones waxed old through my roaring all the daylong [*a guilty conscience can bring physical discomfort*]. ⁴ For day and night **Thy** hand was heavy upon me [*guilty conscience*]: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer [*vitality/ strength was dried up – possibly similar to the effects of a severe fever*]. Selah.

In these times the believer is weak and defeated, unable to overcome their own sin.

2. The _____ for fruitlessness

The phrase *“taketh away”* can be translated two ways... to _____ or to _____.

a. God sometimes must _____ the branch

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, “Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away [*remove*] the sin of the world.”

1 John 3:5 And ye know that **He** was manifested to take away [*remove*] our sins; and in **Him** is no sin.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 11:30

b. God ALWAYS seeks to _____ the branch

Psalm 40:2-3 **He** brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. ³ And **He** hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our **God**: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the **LORD**.

What is my next step?

As you give the Holy Spirit opportunity to inspect your fruit do you find that He is leaving behind an empty basket?