

Fruit, More Fruit, Much Fruit

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In our meeting this month we reflect on Fruit (St Peter's Gardening Question Time!).

SCRIPTURE VERSES

[John 15:1-8](#)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

²Every branch in me that beareth not **fruit** he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth **more fruit**.

³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵I 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.

⁶If 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.

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

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

[Romans 11:17-24](#)

¹⁷... if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

²¹For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

²³And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

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DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

- Fruit is mentioned in the scriptures in the first Chapter, [Genesis 1:11](#), [1:29](#), and in the last Chapter, [Revelation 22:2](#)
- Related occurrences in the KJV

Fruit	250	Tree	358
Seed	285	Vine	74
Herb	37		
- The names of Jesus
 - The root of Jesse [Isaiah 11:10](#) , [Romans 15:12](#)
 - The branch of David [Jeremiah 23:5-6](#)
- Kinds of Fruit
 - Good Fruit - for food, of the womb, unto repentance, unto holiness, of the lips, of the Spirit
 - Bad Fruit - [Luke 6:43](#)
 - No Fruit - The fig tree [Matthew 21:19](#)
- What is the fruit of the Spirit
 - ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance [Galatians 5:22-23](#) and [Ephesians 5:9](#)
 - ...virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity [2 Peter 1:3-10](#)
- Jesus said “Wherefore by their fruits shall ye know them” [Matthew 7:20](#)
- How do we distinguish between good fruit and bad fruit ?
 - Fruit for food - the senses: sight, taste, smell
 - Fruit of the Spirit ?
- How can we bring forth good fruit: fruit, more fruit, much fruit ?
- Gardening Quiz: which fruits occur most often in scripture ?