

**Black and White**  
***Fruitopia, Part 10***  
***Slide Notations***

**So far...** Dealing w/the Fruit of the Vine... The hallmarks we are to begin bearing from salvation... Traits of connection that begin sprouting on the dead wood He grafts in! Come in as a real piece of “work of the flesh” cut off from inheritance! **Gal 5.19-21** A “Wild Olive Tree” grafted in to partake of the root and fatness of the Olive Tree. **R11.17** Apart from Him, the Vine, we can do nothing...! **J15.5**

**Apart from Him...** “There is nothing good in us...” Because the works of the flesh are always, only, going to be W.O.F! (27+) Constant tension between human and spiritual natures! **R7.15-25** What I want to do I don’t; and what I don’t want, I allow. In my flesh is no good thing. I want to do good but find there’s a war going on in me all the time. Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thank God, Jesus!

**Apart from Him...** The Flesh prompts and spotlights works of 1.) moral impurities; sexual and codex, shameless unclean indulgences and reckless use of others, 2.) anti-religiousness; idolatry, sorcery (drug use), 3.) envyings and attendant malignity; hostility, competitiveness, bad heat, flashy temper 4.) sins of excess; self-seeking, drunkenness, degenerated enjoyment...

**Apart from Him, in us, and us in Him... how long do you think it would take to go back to getting loose and letting loose?**

**That’s not a fear tactic for the sake of adherence... but a tried and trued observation about separation from the Vine!**

**Connected to the Vine, we bear His traits; fruitless we get cut off, fruitful we are pruned, so we bear even more!**

**Traits of the Vine...** Bearing and modeling the image of God! Extending His finished forgiveness! Ignited w/a pounding passion for lost souls! Navigating w/a Revelation of Heaven! Living the Word, being relevant by delivering a Word of Relevance!

So now we come to the final fruit of the Vine... **Hatred of Evil!**

**Caveat 1... Let’s recognize the very narrow path between compromise and lovelessness.** Mercy is the payment for broken law! Judgment is salved by grace!

“Behold the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell away, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness, otherwise you will also be cut off!” **R11.22**

**Caveat 2... It’s all black and white!**

“Black w/sin, made white as snow!” **Is1.18** “Black or white, because He is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all!” **1J1.5** “No fickleness, no shadow of turning!” **Jam 1.14** “Hot or cold, lukewarm gets spit!” **Rv3.16**

**His word and will are so simple...** Erring on the side of safety is still an err! Need to be black and white on issues of His word because we will be the people standing after all the “shade” people have fallen!

**Psalm 97.10** You that love the LORD, hate evil: He preserves the souls of his saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Hate disobedience toward God (conduct). Hate unlikeness to God (character). That good kind of hatred is a characteristic by which we are known to be His own!

**The Word of God could be called the record of God's hatred of sin and how He deals with it...**

And Jesus, the Vine of God, never compromised the Word as He loved people... And we bear the fruit of the Vine if we hate sin as we lovingly deal with fallen people!

**Hating sin!** Not because it's "bad!" Good people hate bad things... Honest people hate cheaters... Sober people hate intemperance... Kind people hate cruelty... Courageous people hate cowardice... Peaceful people hate violence... Almost everyone hates sickness, poverty, injustice... especially to fam/friend. **Hate sin w/o any connection to God!**

**Hating sin!** We hate sin because... It's preeminently against God! **Ps51.4** It's contagious! **Ps119.136,158** It brings forth death! **Jam 1.15, R6.23** It requires a blood sacrifice! **H9.26** The payment for our sins was the beaten, bleeding, crucified, sinless Jesus! **H10.12** Jesus hated sin and spoke strongly against unrepentant Pharisees, unbelieving and thick headed servants, wicked cities!

**Hating sin!** We hate sin for our its effects on us! Degrading: mars our quality/breeding. Deforming: morphs us w/@ new pregnancy. Debasing: beneath our dignity/God's Kid's. Death dealing: end of sin is living death. We hate sin because we love a holy God!

**The church of Jesus is dying because we don't love God enough to hate well!**

**Bad Hating...** Thinking that because you are not hindering goodness/all is well... He that is not for Me is against Me! Thinking that because you will confront the big, gross, obvious stuff/all is well... Devil loves these kinds of frogs...people! Thinking you are helping people by not confronting their sins...

**Actually hating them and yourself!**

**Lev 19.17** You shall not hate your brother (used in the widest sense) in your heart, you shall faithfully reprove (make an argument to convict and correct) your neighbor (broadened to include associate, companion, comrade, kindred, friend, and others) and not countenance him (an expression indicative of encouragement, moral support, approval) in sin. **Rotherham, Emphasized Bible** You shall not hate your brother in your heart: you shall in any wise rebuke your neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. **KJV** Do not hate your brother for whatever wrongs he commits but in every way rebuke him for wrongdoing so you don't bear sin on his account. **Spence/Exell** You prove you hate your brother when you don't rebuke him, allowing sin to have free course in him and then spread to you!

**"Love hates the brokenness of sin..."**

**Ezekiel 3.18-21** If you do not speak to warn the wicked; the same will die in his sin; but his blood will I require of you. If you warn him and he turns not, he will die in his sin; but you have delivered your soul. When a righteous man turns and sins, he shall die: if you did not warn him, his blood will I require of you. But if you warn the righteous man and he sins not, he will surely live, because he is warned; and you have delivered your soul.

**Jude 1.23** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of Jesus that gives eternal life. On some use compassion to counter their doubting; on others snatch them from the fire hating the stains that come of the corruption of the flesh...

**Hating others by lovelessness is a hot button topic with God!**

**Good Hating...** Loving God/hating other gods! **Lk16.13** Loving wrong doers/hating wrong doing! Hating sin in all it's applications... Intense dislike **Job 1.1**, depart & do good **Ps 34.14**, regard w/horror & loathing **R12.9** Hating it consistently; w/o appeasement! Hating it first, in us; enduring correction for the beauty of perfection! Hating it in others; rooted in love/not anger! "Wrath of man doesn't... **Jam 1.10**

**Good Hating...** Hate the evil, love the good and establish judgment that the Lord will be gracious to His people... **Amos 5.15** Hate every false way, all vain thoughts contrary to His Word and love His law and esteem His precepts concerning all things being right... **Ps 119.104,113,128** Hating what God hates...

**Pr 6.16-19** These seven things the LORD hates: they are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that run to mischief, a false witness that speak lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.

**All our lives we will deal with people who have fallen by sin...**

**If we are in the Vine we will never compromise God's Word as we love them and help them to the end!**

**I'm going to love what God loves (people) and hate what He hates (sin)...**

**I'm not going to love what God hates (sin) and hate what He loves (people)...**

**Fruitopia...**

*A place unlike any other where the people with a wide open connection to the Vine of Life, produce sweet, juicy, fruit in abundance for the One who is glorified by much fruit!*