

**Up from the Dead!**  
*Fruitopia, Part 2*  
*Slide Notations*

Is it possible...? W/so great a salvation... to be dead? Could the real us be dead/disconnected? We know it's true for the unsaved, but... Could we be walking around in our bodies and be dead and not know it?

“Every branch in Me that doesn't bear fruit He cuts off , and it withers and men come and gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned...” **J15.1-6**

**So far...**

*Introduced* you to the land of Fruitopia! A place unlike any other where the people bear sweet, juicy fruit in abundance for the One who is glorified by much fruit!

*Explored* the connection of the Vine (Jesus), the Branches (us), and the Grower (God)! Who cuts off unproductive branches and prunes back those who do produce for the sake of ever better, bigger, sweeter fruit!

*Developed* the context that God has an expectation that we bear much fruit! He has planted 'miraculous' root stock, works diligently and waits patiently for the harvest of good fruit for delivery to the world market!

**Closed session one...** No more apologies for living in the Vine! No more fumbling, mumbling w/His truth! Gladly submitting to His pruning genius!

***Because He knows how to cut off unfruitful works from “secondary sources” that bear bad fruit!***

So, we found out that it is possible for a Christian to be fruitless, cut off, bundled and burned (dead)... though the person is still saved!

**PT 2: Up from the dead!** “You love evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness.”  
**Psalm 52.3**

**Walking dead...** Can speak specifically about someone's sins against them but go mute about sinning against God! Can detail the account of what happened to them and how it hurt and yet be clueless about trampling Him! Can have violent reactions to someone cheating on them but expect God to bear their cheating on Him graciously!

**In God's “free will kingdom” we can do what we want, but we have to call it what it is!**

**Up from the dead!**

**1. Start calling sin what it is!** Sex, outside the marriage of a man and woman, is adultery/fornication /reprobate; self rule, akatharsia, uncleanness; flirting/ sexual trolling, lasciviousness; little God, big life, idolatry; drugging up, sorcery; hatred/anger/outbursts/sep's, jealousy/ coveting/murder/drunkenness, looseness, sin; no inheritance in kingdom! **Gal 5.19-21** And not telling the truth about it, lying. **Ps52**

**Is 5.20-24** Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil (it's just a natural phase, I know what God says, but it seems a little harsh) that put darkness for light, and light for darkness (there are many ways to God and we don't want to be too narrow); that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter (sin is sweet for a season – holiness is hard to swallow). Woe to them that are wise and prudent in their own eyes (I can handle this on my own, I know what to do)! Woe to the warriors who drink wine (time for a little

celebration), and men of strength who mix their drinks (I can handle it, I know my limit): which justify the wicked for reward (I want them to like me), and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him (Shut up! – I don't want to hear any more of this God talk)! Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will rot, and their blossom go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. (Walking dead?)

**Jude** “Contend for the faith like it was first delivered for there are people in your midst who turn the words the way they desire, contradicting the Lord... these deviates are rocks in your gatherings, clouds without water, trees whose fruit withers, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots... you just keep building yourselves up on your most holy faith...”

*We must speak the truth in love to grow in Him... so let us put away lying and speak the truth to all – without fear or shame!*

**2. Hold ourselves accountable for the fruit we bear, fruit we help cultivate in others!** We don't want to be a “second source,” a “sap” for someone's bad fruit!

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

**Phil 2.4**

**Mt 7.17-20** Every good tree bears good fruit; but a corrupt tree bears evil fruit. A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bear good fruit. Every tree that bears bad fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. It's by the fruit that you know which is which and what to do.

**1Cor 3.8-15** Every man will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: you are God's husbandry... according to God's grace, be wise... every man's work will be tried by fire. If it's fireproof, the man will receive a reward. If it burns, his reward will be lost but he himself will still be saved, though as one thru fire!

*It is necessary for me to judge my fruit and the fruit of others so that on the day of judgment we will receive everlasting rewards!*

**3. Understand the love, purpose and glory of the Lord's chastening when we go outside the circle!**

**Proverbs 3.11,12** My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord and don't be weary of His correction, for whom the Lord loves, He corrects, just like a father who loves his son!

As many as I love, I chasten! Be zealous therefore and repent! **Rev3.19**

**Hebrews 12** Don't despise the chastening of the Lord or faint at the thought of His correction, for whom the Lord loves, He corrects. He disciplines every one He accepts as His own! In chastening God deals with you as sons. W/o chastening you are illegitimates! It's not pleasant as it happens but His goal is our prosperity, His holy nature in us, and the peaceable fruit of righteousness for those who take the training!

**Popular thought is that love means we accept people like they are and leave them alone!  
That's the groovy kind of love not the Godly kind... Godly love accepts people where they are and encourages them forward into God-like transformation!**

*Our Father is the Trustworthy Cultivator who knows exactly what we need to bear much fruit!*

**4. Come back to our faith and the morals He gave us to “live” by!**

**Deut 30.15-19** I have set before you life and good, and death and evil; In that I command you this day to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, statutes and judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are on the way to possess. But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but will be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I declare to you that you will surely perish, and that you will not prolong your days upon the land I have given you to possess. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your children may live!

*We have been called to be moralists; and as both students and teachers of God's unchanging values, we must exercise our voices!*

**Amos 5.14,15** Seek good, and not evil, that you may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said He is. Turn around, hate the evil, love the good, establish judgment in the gate: as you maintain justice the LORD will be gracious to you.

*Session One: With One source... Session Two: And with Clarity... we enter into Fruitopia!*