

**Revelation of Heaven!**  
*Fruitopia, Part 8*  
*Slide Notations*

“I came from the Father into the world: and I leave the world and go to the Father!” **J16.28**

**So far...** Dealing with the Fruit of the Vine... not the Fruit of the Spirit! Fruit of the Vine comes from coming alive in Jesus and letting Him live in us! **J15** These are natural traits of connection! Fruit of the Spirit comes from living and dwelling with the Holy Spirit in us! **Gal 5.22** These are matur-al traits /continuance! Can live and die w/o experiencing/FS! Are not “living” w/o experiencing/FV!

**So far...** Dealing with the Fruit of the Vine... *Bearing the image of God!* I’m going to mirror it and model it! *Extending the forgiveness of God!* I give it because it’s done; because I don’t want to sin w/unforgiveness; because it proves I trust Him w/my life experiences! *A pulsating, pounding passion for souls!* I’m going to bring’em, buy’em, serve’em and not die w/o’em! **Mt28.19, A1.8, R10.15, Luke16.9, 1C3.12,13**

So now we come to the fourth fruit of the Vine... **the Revelation of Heaven.**

**No one could have enjoyed life on earth more than Jesus!**

**With His...** understanding of human nature, He could have had masses do His bidding!

**With His...** resources in the super-natural, He could have been uber rich and powerful!

As a farmer, could command harvest! As a fish-finder, highest yields! As a winemaker, all He needed was rain! As a doctor, “x-ray/pain free surgery/WUW!” As a financier, knew where the money was! As a lawyer, no one His equal! As a General, command unseen hosts!

**With His...** place on the world stage/famous/loved! The people offered Him their world! **J6.15**

The disciples were willing/desperate for Him to take His place of government! Who will be greatest? Who will sit closest? Is this the time? When is the time? If there’s resistance, we will fight! Even the devil offered Him all the kingdoms of the world with their glory... **Mt4.8-10**

**With all that was going on, all that was being offered, all He could have done, Jesus never forgot who He was and what He was about... He lived every day with a Revelation Of Heaven – a consciousness of the other world running above the scenes of His life experience here!**

**The R.O.H....** *Keeps you on track!* **2C5.21** “knew no sin!” Realize running subterranean, won’t get over serious about all the experiences of this “second class life!” Realize living in temporary/plan permanent! *Keeps you from looking back and plowing forward!* **Lk9.62** “There’s more ahead than behind!” *Is a fruit of the life that’s in the Vine!* And “If we live in Him and Him in us...” **J15** Heaven will be in our heart!

**Seeing Heaven?** The future that “eye has not seen, nor ear heard nor has it entered into the heart of men.” **1C2.9** Just because we can’t see it doesn’t mean we shouldn’t ask for a revelation of it! Just because it’s higher than we can think doesn’t mean we shouldn’t ask/conception. *Just because we can’t imagine it doesn’t mean it’s imaginary!*

**Seeing Heaven?** A place with dimensions, streets and homes, a great population, a noisy place with lots of human and angelic activity; a place with a crystal clear sea, a river of life and a central park illuminated by God and His “Light” who is seated at His right hand; it’s a place of unending worship

and praise, the place of our citizenship, and the place of rewards for those who are written in the Book of Life!

**Seeing heaven helps us to live in sharp focus... and seeing heaven w/o the people in our lives is nothing we want to see!**

*“The more you think of heaven the more you’ll do on earth!” –C.S. Lewis*

**Jesus never forgot He was a contractor in this world with a job to do before He could go home!**

**Jesus came...** To glorify and magnify God... **J12.27** To serve and give Himself as the ransom for many... **Mt20.28** To bear witness of the truth... **J18.37** To redeem and purify a group for Himself, hot for good works... **Tit2.14** To commission other believers...**A26.16** To destroy the works of the devil...**1J3.8** And when He could say, “it is finished”, to return to the Father! **J16.28**

**Right to the end Jesus was never distracted or dragged off His mission by the “offerings” of this world!**

“He is the Vine and I am a branch! If I live in Him and let Him live in me I will bear His fruit... fruit that glorifies God; the fruit that lives on eternally!” **John 15, Personal Version**

**What are we here for?** To be redeemed from sin! To learn the truth and bear witness of it! To purify ourselves to be as He is! To destroy the works of the devil! To glorify God with the only fruit that remains... people! To remember that we are strangers and foreigners here and we’re going home!

**Most people...** In a life and death situation, choose life! Not because of the command to choose life over death... **D30.19** (different death) Not Paul’s noble choice to linger for the sake of others... **Ph1.23** (servant decision) But almost always because heaven is more of a hope than a belief... (fearful topic) “Hope it’s there! Hope it’s not too soon! Want time to get married have kids; want a house; want to travel; enjoy retirement; finish my bucket list...” (while we occupy!) Proves poor connection to the Vine!

**For too many believers, heaven is a place of dreams, and this is life... And believing in heaven is just a comforting defense against the unknown at the end of life!**

**For Jesus heaven was life, the place He received His assignment and was headed home to when it was done!**

**Most people... Ignore the development of R.O.H. truth!** Don’t realize it’s the foundation of all we say we believe in! (w/o it, what?) Forget (or never believed): Heaven is a place, our homeland, and we are foreigner’s here on assignment... Forget current world/glory is in the hands of the “Prince of the Power of the Air...” Forget we were his subjects but have now been “made” ambassadors for God...

**As Ambassadors...** *We have been pretty effective...* Millions of world citizens converted to a new and living way! *Have had a pretty free reign...* Because pioneer ambassadors carved out a “home base” in the world...called America! Set Godly principles to work/prospered... Shared the wealth/gift and calling card... And people came... *Now being challenged by those same people...* Who want wealth but not God’s ways! Want freedom w/o His government! Want benefits of our faith w/their religion! *Challenged by counter king-dumbs... Blingdumb, flingdumb, thingdumb, selfdumb, and peopledumb!* Novelty **A17.21**, sexual indulgence **1C6.9**, money-stuff **MK8.36**, self preservation **Lk14.26** worldly friendships **1P4.2**

**2Tim 2.4-15** No one engaged in this war for the souls of mankind entangles himself in the affairs of this life so that he can please the One who has chosen him to be a soldier... and if that seems a bit hard, remember our gospel is based on the impossible: Jesus was raised from the dead! So, endure all things for the sake of those called to salvation in Jesus, with it's eternal glory! Remember this and be diligent to be a great worker! **R.O.H. passage!**

**2Cor 6.1-7.1** As His workers... don't waste His grace; in all things prove yourselves as His ministers! Embrace His life for better or worse and don't join up with the world – how do you partner right and wrong, light and darkness? You are the temple of God that He desires to live in, so come out from among them and be separate... cleansing yourself of all immorality and filthiness, maturing yourselves for God! **R.O.H. passage!**

**J8.23-18.36** (Jesus) You are from beneath; I am from above: you are of this world; I am not. But if you were merely of the world, it would love you but now that I have chosen you out of the world, it hates you. I gave you My word and now the world hates you because you are not of the world, like I am not of the world. If My kingdom was of this world; then my servants would fight to keep Me alive in it but My kingdom is not from here. **R.O.H. passage!**

**Mark 8.34-38** Are you My follower? Then be rid of self gratification and pick up your cross. If you want to lose real life, live for this life! Die to this life for My sake and you get real life. What benefit will it be to get the whole world and injure your soul? What will you offer in exchange then? If you are ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous generation, I will be ashamed of you when I come in the glory of God! **R.O.H. passage!**

**When you...** live to please God who called you to this wonderfully “impossible” life... separate yourself to mature in Him even though the world will hate you for it...let Him add all things unto you as you pursue other's lives... are ashamed of this adulterous generation and not of God... let the mind of lifestyle-servanthood be in you that was in Christ... **Beginning to live in Fruitopia!**