

# **DISCIPLE AND FRUIT- CUT OFF**

**John 15: 2**



# BACKGROUND:

- bearing fruits is one of the assurances of our faith in Christ, because a life that bears fruits is a life that repents. (by the power of the blood of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit)

- When Jesus talk about how to differentiate the false prophets and hypocrites, it is not whether they pray, have a lot of bible knowledge or practice traditional ritual, but whether they bear fruits. Why?
  - Pray: draw people attention (Matt 6: 5)
  - Knowledge: try out Jesus (Matt 22: 35)
  - Ritual: love the place of honor (Matt 23: 6)

Only fruits show that who we really are.

# I. BELIEVE IN JESUS TO AVOID “CUT OFF”.

a. Believe in Jesus Christ.

- A life that bears fruits always start with believing in Jesus Christ.
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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## b. Avoid “cut off”

- “Cut off” has the meaning of remove and away. Refer to Matthew 3: 10 and 7: 19, the word “cut down” also has the meaning of remove.
- Both have the meaning of “separation”.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> John 3: 9
- Galatians 5: 16
- Psalm 1: 1-3

Only when we accepted Jesus Christ  
as our Lord, and we are connected to  
God through Spirit and words,  
we bear fruits!

## 2. REPENT AND LET GOD PRUNES TO BE MORE FRUITFUL.

### a. Repent

- repent is precondition of being more fruitful.
- **Matthew 3:10** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
- **Mark 11:13-14** Jesus scolded the unfruitful fig tree.
- **Galatians 5:16-26** the fruit of the Holy Spirit

## 2. REPENT AND LET GOD PRUNES TO BE MORE FRUITFUL.

b. Let God prunes to be more fruitful.

Holy Spirit. (Acts 9: 3)

Failures. (Matt 26: 75)

Warning or reminding. (2nd Sam 12)

Repeated lessons. (Gen 20)

Misery and Trial. (Job)

Bible. (2nd Tim 3: 16-17)

Testimony. (Hebrew 12: 1)

Believe in Jesus to avoid “cut off”.

To bear Fruits

Repent and let God prunes you.

To be more fruitful