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Durbanville then reminded his readers of Jesus' words, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love" (Jn. 15:9). We learn from this that we too must keep ourselves continually in the warmth of Christ's love.

We abide in Christ's love when we show love to others. Jesus made this clear when He said, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love. . . . This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (vv.10,12-13).

We feel the warmth of Christ's love when we obey His commandment to love and serve others. That's the way to stay in the sunshine! –RWD

FOR FURTHER STUDY

What are some ways Jesus showed love?

(Mt. 5:1-2; 8:14-17; 15:32-39; 19:13-15; 27:33-35)

How can we show Christ's love to others?

(Mt. 28:19-20; Gal. 5:13; 6:1-2; Col. 3:13)

Our love for God is seen in our love for others.



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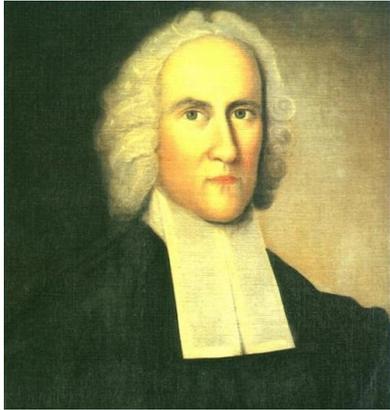
- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

Stay In The Sunshine!

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love. –John 15:10

In his book *The Best Is Yet To Be*, Henry Durbanville told the story of a little girl in London who won a prize at a flower show. Her entry was grown in an old cracked teapot and had been placed in the rear attic window of a rundown tenement house. When asked how she managed to raise such a lovely flower in such an unlikely environment, she said she moved it around so it would always be in the





I AM RESOLVED

(1 Timothy 1:17) "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

John 15 describes two aspects of fruitfulness:

1. The _____ of unfruitfulness, verses 1, 5, 2, 6,

(Matthew 7:21) ""Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven...."

(Matthew 3:10) ""And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

(Matthew 7:19) ""Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

(Matthew 13:40) ""Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age."

(Mark 9:43-48) ""If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched; {44} "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' {45} "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched; {46} "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' {47} "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire; {48} "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'"

(Matthew 3:8) ""Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,"

(Luke 3:10-14) "So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" {11} He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." {12} Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" {13} And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." {14} Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.""

(Psalms 101:3) "I will set nothing wicked



before my eyes; .."

2. The _____ of fruitfulness, verses 1-5, 7-8, 11, 9-10,

(Mark 4:20) ""But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.""

(Mark 4:16-19) ""These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; {17} "and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. {18} "Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, {19} "and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

