

### **A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP #3 slides**

**Romans 8:29** “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to *be conformed to the image of his Son*, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

The Spirit critiques our abiding and fruit.

**John 10:27-30** “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.* My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

**Acts 27:31-32** “Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men *stay/abide* in the ship, you cannot be saved.” Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship’s boat and let it go.”

**Matthew 7:17-23** “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**Rick Phillips**, “According to Jesus here and throughout the Gospels, the true mark of those who belong to Him and are saved is the bearing of good fruit. We are not saved by good fruit or any other work of our own, but by faith in Christ alone. The good fruit, however, is the only proof that our profession of faith is true and saving.”

The Spirit causes our abiding to bear fruit in prayer.

**Colossians 3:16-17** “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

**Sinclair Ferguson** “Lessons from the Upper Room” p. 114, “The Word of Christ is the instrument of Christ, used by the Spirit of Christ, to nurture union with Christ and to transform us into the image of Christ.”

The Spirit causes our abiding to glorify the Father.

**Acts 3:12-13, 16** “And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him... And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

**Paul Tripp** “Sin always originates in the heart destroys those plans. Instead, we must humbly confess that when it comes to sin, our biggest problem is us. We are led astray not primarily by things outside of us but by the thoughts, desires, motivations, cravings, and choices of our own hearts. We also have no power whatsoever to change our hearts or the heart of anyone else.”