

Sermon Notes April 23, 2023

God's Celestial Chainsaw

John 15:1-8

John 15:1-2 *"I AM the true vine, and my Father is the Gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."*

This text is a picture of the growing Church _____.

Not every person attending a church may _____ to the Church universal.

Those who have placed their faith in _____ as Savior are members.

John 15:3-4 *Jesus is the _____ and from this vine will grow much fruit.*

In Christ we are the _____.

John 15:6 *"If you do not remain in Me, then you are like a branch that is thrown into the _____ and burned."*

Revelation 2 - *"If you do not repent, I will come to you and _____ your lampstand from its place."*

If you bear fruit then you will _____ have to worry about being cut away from God.

Romans: 11:17-22

"If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in. Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off."

The original cultivated olive tree was _____.

The wild branch grafted in are _____ in Christ.

John 15:1 *"I am the _____ vine, and my Father is the gardener.*

False teachers _____ the Truth of the Scripture. _____ of such branches in coming.

vs. 2 *"He _____ every branch in me that bears no fruit."* _____ is different from cutting off the branch.

vs. 4-5 We must _____ in Christ

to _____ much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."