

“LESSONS FROM THE VINEYARD”

“BEARING FRUIT FOR AN ABUNDANT HARVEST”

PART 5:

“BEARING FRUIT WHILE ABIDING IN THE SPIRIT”

“Taking Advantage of Our Advantage”

“A New Relationship that Changes Everything”

(John 16; Acts 1:1-2:47)

INTRODUCTION:

1A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ . (ACTS 1:9-11)

“...why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

—Acts 1:9-11

A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” Some of His disciples then said to one another, “What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

“Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”

—John 16:16-22

2A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ . (ACTS 1:4-5)

“Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, ‘Which,’ He said, ‘you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

—John 16:6, 7

3A. THE SEPARATION IS _____ . (ACTS 1:6-2:47)

1B. It marked the _____ of a new _____ .

“So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, ‘Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.’”

—Acts 1:6-8

2B. It marked the _____ of a new _____ .

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

—Acts 2:1-4

3B. It marked the _____ of a new _____ .

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever...”

—John 14:16

“And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

—Luke 24:49

CONCLUSION:

“Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.”

Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

—Acts 2:33, 38