

Strength For the Mission

Text: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Intro: the day of our salvation

...and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you [a kingdom] (Luke 22:29)

The constitution of the kingdom of God

I. How To Perform This Mission?

Jesus' physical presence

A picture

II. The Picture

Vine

Gardener

Branches

Fruit

III. The Lesson - _____

Westminster Confession of Faith:

By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.

Doctrinal Aspect:

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. (1 John 2:23-24)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 John 4:15)

Ethical Aspect:

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Sacramental Aspect:

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. (John 6:56)

