Prove It

Ken Chapman · John 20:30–31

INTRODUCTION

- It's one thing to claim to be something, and it's something altogether to really be that thing.
- Our faith, our Christianity, demands that we live it, that we demonstrate it, or that we prove it.
- These are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

1 Prove It by Abiding in My Word

John 8:31; Psalm 119:47–48; Psalm 119:97–104

- Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, if you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed.
- All the words of the New Testament are the words of Christ.
- The word abide simply means to live there. It's the idea of staying somewhere permanently as opposed to just passing through.
- Every aspect of our lives is to be governed by God's word.
- Oh, how I love your law. It's my meditation all the day.
- Abiding in that word is going to change who we are.

2 Prove It by Bearing Much Fruit

John 15:8; Galatians 5:22–23

- By this my Father is glorified that you bear much fruit, so you will be my disciples.
- The purpose of a disciple, Jesus says, is to bear fruit. And if we're really the disciple, the proof will be in the fruit.
- It is the proof that we are what we claim to be, and that we're doing what we're supposed to do.
- The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control against such there is no law.
- A cherry tree doesn't have to strain at producing cherries. It produces cherries because it's a cherry tree.

3 Prove It by Loving One Another

John 13:34–35; 1 Corinthians 13

- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- By this all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.
- We could also make the point that a disciple of Christ loves.
- If I'm not loving, I'm not his disciple. It's as simple as that.

THE CHALLENGE

Do I look like a disciple? Do I look like a believer? Do I love? As Jesus loved. Do I bear fruit? The fruits of the Spirit. And do I live? Spend my life and the living of my life in the Word of God.

MY NOTES