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.
- He tells us that we must back up our claims of faith with concrete actions.

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.
- Dwelling and abiding in His word, living in Jesus' word, surely carries with it the idea that we love the Word of God.
- Oh, how I love your law. It's my meditation all the day.

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 product of our Christianity. It is the demonstration of our Christianity. It is the proof that we are what we claim to be.
- For 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.
- If I'm not loving, I'm not his disciple. It's as simple as that.
- Live in my word. Let it pervade every aspect and every facet of your life. Bear fruit. Walk in the Spirit and produce the fruits of the Spirit. And prove it by loving one another.

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