

RCMI L-Path Teaching

English

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TITLE: 2021, THE YEAR OF FRUITFUL INTIMACY!

TEXT: John 15:5

BIG IDEA: The call for us this 2021 is to remain in Christ which will result in fruitful intimacy.

INTRO: A Better, Brighter 2021 to you all!

- Let me say, we are living in a new era, a new season!
It is completely different from what it used to be and the Lord is looking for people to cooperate with.
- The Christian life is *organic*, i.e., it is full of life with all of the signs of life.
It is a unique life that overflows with the fruits of Christianity.

I. ABIDE IN CHRIST IN ORDER TO BE FRUITFUL IN 2021

[Manahan Kay Cristo Upang Maging Mabunga sa 2021]

- Living in Christ is both a reality and a duty. This is true because those who are truly saved continue to abide in Him. But it is also a duty because every true believer is commanded to abide in Christ as an act of perseverance.

What is this *abiding* all about?

A. Abiding Is Fundamental

1. **Definition:** The word "*abide*" implies, "to remain, to continue in, to dwell in, to stay, to endure." [*Manatili, magpatuloy, manahan, mamalagi, magtiis*]

- When this word is used to refer to Christians abiding in Christ, it carries the same idea of 'remaining in, enduring firmly'. **This is a word of perseverance** [pagtitiyaga].
- We can only persevere in the faith if God acts in His persevering grace within us so that we can persevere! (Phil. 2:13)

2. What does it mean to abide in Christ?

- Abiding in Christ implies that *I have a continual sense of needing Him.*
- Abiding in Christ implies a *continuing perception of the all-sufficiency and wonder of Christ.*
- Abiding in Christ means that *I live in dependency and trust in Him both for my salvation and my daily walk.*

Notice that this abiding is *mutual*, rather than singular. We abide in Christ, but He also abides in us who are true believers. "Abide in Me, and I in you," says our Lord.

B. Abiding For Fruitfulness [Pananatili Para Maging Mabunga]

- The promise of verse 5 is not that a believer simply bears fruit, but that **"he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit."**
- **What is this fruit? Preeminently it is the evidence of divine life flowing from the Vine through the branches**
- **"Apart from Christ you'll end up empty; abide in Him and you'll have plenty."** - Reggie Castaneda

II. To Abide In Christ Is The Prophetic Call Of God For Us In 2021

I have explained the verse to you, now let me share the prophetic significance of this verse for us this year.

A. Hebrew Year 5781/ Gregorian Year 2021

The number 5 in Hebrew literally is the Hey and it's how it works. It's like saying this, "BE STRONG AND LOOK, BE SEPARATED" because the five [5] represents an eye, the seven [7] represents a plow, the eight [8] represents a 'fence' and then the one [1] represents an ox. An eye, a plow, a fence, and an ox; like what could that possibly be?

B. Prophetic Message For God's People for 5781 Jewish New Year or 2021

- **God who is the creative power and Who is the beginning of all things has given you the burden for the people. And He is encouraging you not to look backward to your past, but keep plowing and continue being useful to God's Kingdom realm.**

C. What Is God saying in the Year 5781/2021?

80 +1= Mouth of God, This is the Season of God's Manifested Word! [2020-2029]

1. BE FRUITFUL IN 2021

81 is 9 x 9 MANIFOLD FRUIT BEARING. BE FRUITFUL IN 5781/2021

2. BE INTIMATE WITH GOD IN 2021

- **The 81 is 9 x 9 and 9 is about fruit bearing and the 81st verse is about having a baby: it's not just about baby- bearing, it's about baby-making. That's what that verse is about and that is intimacy.**
- **Let's resolve to be closer and be intimate with God this year.**

CHALLENGE: This Is the Year of Fruitful Intimacy! The call for us this 2021 is to remain in Christ and it will result in fruitful intimacy. Do not be swayed by the lukewarmness around you but remain steadfast in our faith in Christ.

Join us in our prayer & Fasting with the theme, 'Starting Over', January 4-24, 2021!