forth much [a]fruit: for [b]without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth [c]as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and [d]my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear [1]much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath [e]loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If [f]ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

12 [g]This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

The new intimacy.

15 [2]Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have [h]chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in [i]my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I [j]command you, that ye love one another.

The believer and the world.

18 If the [k]world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 If ye [l]were of the [k]world, the [k]world would love his own: but because ye are not of the [k]world, but I have [m]chosen you out of the [n]world, therefore the [k]world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had [o]sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had [o]sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me [p]without a cause.

The believer and the Spirit.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the [q]Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

27 And ye also shall bear witness, [r]because ye have been with me from the beginning.

CHAPTER 16.

The disciples warned of persecutions. (Cf. Mt. 24. 9, 10; Lk. 21. 16–19.)

THESE things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh,

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a The fruit. Gal.5.22,23.
b Phil.1.11; 4.13.
c v.2; Mt.25.30.
d John 14.13; Col.3.16; 1 John 2.14.
e John 5.20; 10.14,15; 17.26.
f John 14.21, 23.
g John 13.34.
h *Election* (*personal*). Acts 9.15. (Deut.7.6; 1 Pet.1.2.)
i John 14.13; 16.23,24.
j *Law* (*of Christ*). vs. 12,17; Rom.5.5. (Gal.6.2; 2 John 5.)
k *kosmos* = world-system. John16.11,33. (John7.7;Rev. 13.8, *note*.)
l *Separation*. John 17.6, 14-16. (Gen. 12.1; 2 Cor. 6.14-17.)
m *Election* (*corporate*). Rom.8.33. (Deut.7.6; 1 Pet.1.2.)
n *kosmos* (Mt. 4.8) = mankind.
o *Sin*. Rom.3.23, *note*.
p Psa.35.19; 69.4.
q *Holy Spirit*. John 16.13. (Mt.1.18; Acts 2.4.)
r *Inspiration*. John 16.12, 13. (Ex.4.15; Rev.22.19.)

On the other hand, the abiding one takes all burdens to Him, and draws all wisdom, life and strength from Him. It is not unceasing *consciousness* of these things, and of Him, but that nothing is allowed in the life which separates from Him. See "Fellowship," 1 John 1. 3; "Communion," 1 Cor. 10. 16.

[1] Three degrees in fruit-bearing: "Fruit," v. 2; "more fruit," v. 2; "much fruit," vs. 5, 8. As we bear "much fruit" the Father is glorified in us. The minor moralities and graces of Christianity are often imitated, but never the ninefold "fruit" of Gal. 5. 22, 23. Where such fruit is the Father is glorified. The Pharisees were moral and intensely "religious," but not one of them could say with Christ, "I have glorified thee on the earth" (John 17. 4).

[2] Progressive intimacy in John: Servants, John 13. 13; Friends, John 15. 15; Brethren, John 20. 17.