

## Confession of Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism 77-79

Pastor: Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

People: Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification his Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.

Pastor: Whence ariseth the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

People: The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

Pastor: May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

People: True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

## Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

### Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn 648 | My Jesus, I Love Thee

### God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | John 15:1-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Fruitful in Christ

### Prayer of Application

\*New Songs 15 | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

### \*God's Benediction

\*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*Please stand, if you are able

### VISITING WITH US?

#### WELCOME



*We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer or scan the QR code so we can learn how best to serve you. Learn more about us at [cornerstone-opc.org](http://cornerstone-opc.org).*

#### NURSERY

*We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.*

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## FRUITFUL IN CHRIST

*John 15:1-5*

*The covenant ideal of a fruitful people is realized in Christ.*

### I. Resign to the Father's cutting (vv. 2-3).

### II. Reciprocate the Son's clasping (vv. 4-5).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does the Old Testament's description of Israel as a vine help us to understand Jesus' identification as "the true vine"?
2. How could Christ say that the fruitless branches are *in* Him (v. 2), even though they end up being cut off and thrown in the fire? Is Jesus teaching that we can lose our salvation?
3. What is pruning? How does the Father prune believers, and how should believers respond to that pruning?
4. What does it mean to abide? What does it look like in practical, every-day life?
5. When Jesus says that we can do nothing apart from Him, does He mean we literally can't do anything? If not, what does He mean?
6. Pastor Nick had an illustration about Elmer's glue. What was that all about? How can we be tempted to have an Elmer's glue religion?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. According to Jesus, how is genuine discipleship proved?
2. What are some recent ways the Father has been pruning me? Have I questioned His goodness in the midst of it? Why should I trust and resign to His knife?
3. How would I define abiding? Do I live a life of abiding in Christ? How could I grow here?



*Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.*

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 31, 2026 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Isaiah 32:12-18

Pastor: Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, for the soil of my people growing up in thorns and briars, yes, for all the joyous houses in the exultant city.

**People: For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.**

Pastor: Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

#### \*Prayer of Invocation

#### \*Hymn 53 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (1, 3, 5)

### GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Isaiah 5:1-7