## Pastoral Notes

'God is not finished with me yet' John 15:1-4.

One thing Christians ought to do is to have a fair and realistic perception of who we are. And if the truth be told ("and ya'll know I've gots to tell the truth"), we are all a 'work in progress'. But I'm okay with that because I know, "God is not finished with me yet".

Don't you sometimes do things you swore you'd never again do or not do that is good and perfect in this earth.

If we stay connected to Jesus, God the Father will prune and bless us by slowly cutting away those things that are **not like him.** The result is that we have some momentary pain but we will experience long term and eternal gain. It's not enough to just know Jesus. You must establish a relationship with him and continue to connect with him through prayer, praise and worship.

## Key Sermonic Points

 You need a <u>connection to</u> Jesus not just a <u>conception of</u> Jesus
Make sure your connection to Jesus is a fruit bearing relationship
God does not count your fruit, he observes it

things you promised you would do? This is because you possess a dual nature, one of flesh and the other of Spirit. But as we walk this road of Sanctification with its hills, valleys, potholes and icy patches, take solace in knowing that 'God is not finished with you yet'.

The key to making it in this life, Jesus tells us, is to stay connected to him (the true vine), in order that we may produce 'good fruit'. We are unable to do so apart from Jesus for he is the source of all While **people count** your fruit and judge your actions, God, instead, chooses to "observe" your fruit so he can help you produce more good fruit.

The sermon is available as a CD as well as our website. Listen to it and share it with others, so they will be able to unashamedly declare, **"God is not finished with me yet".** 

Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- When holy rollers float by you with their wings flapping and halo's glowing, tell them "God is not finished with me yet".
- You are a branch which be stay connected to the true vine, Jesus.
- It's not enough to just believe Jesus lived, you must have faith to be glad he died just for you.
- God intended for us to be 'good fruit' and not 'bad apples'.
- They must have had auto's back in the day of Jesus for the bible says the disciples "were all in one Accord".