ST. JOHN. XV.   
   
 them, and cast them into the fire, and they i are burned.   
   
 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, f ¥ ye shald   
 ask 1what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 & Herein   
 is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; » ™ so shall   
 ®As the Father hath loved me, so   
 ye be my disciples.   
 have I loved you: "continue ye in my love. 'Tf ye   
 keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even   
 as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in   
 “« his love. "These things have I spoken unto you, that   
 ~o. joy might remain in you, and \* that your joy might be   
 WIThis is my commandment, That ye love one   
   
 full.   
   
 i render, burn. K read, ask (imperative) . 1 render, Whatsoever.   
 ™ read and render, and so shall ye become. Many ancient authorities   
 read, that ye bear much fruit, and become.   
 2 render, as below, abide.   
   
 not abide in Christ, becomes separate from actual result of what precedes is stated:   
 Him : (1) he is cast out (of the vineyard, and so ye shall become My disciples.   
 or of the Vine) like a branch in such a 9.] The Love between the Father and   
 case: (2) he becomes dried up, having lost Christ is compared with that between   
 the supply of life-giving sap (‘quenched Christ and His disciples. ‘As the Father   
 the Spirit,’ 1 Thess. v. 19): (8) he is hath loved the Son, sothe Son His disciples.’   
 gathered up with other such (Matt. xiii. The words my love may be under-   
 40) by the angels at the great day: (4) is stood as meaning the love of Me ;—but   
 cast into the fire, as the result of that the sense is not good, and the expression   
 judgment; and finally (5) < ;’ not, is not parallel with the same expression in   
 ‘is burned,’ in any sense of being con- ver. 10; so that I prefer my love, the love   
 sumed ; “and must burn,” as Luther ren- which Ihave towards you; remain in it ;   
 ders it. 7.) All bringing forth fruit not cast yourselves outof it. othersense   
 is the result of answered prayer for the is implied in this, but not expressed.   
 assisting grace of God: and therefore 10.] The way thus to remain is prescribed;   
 the answer of all prayer is here pro- even that way of simple obedience to His   
 mised to those who abide in Christ and Will, which He followed to the Will of the   
 haye His word (Heb. vi. 5) abiding in Father. On the words my love, sce   
 them. The imperative is used by anti- above. 11. have I spoken] Again   
 cipation, of the future time. This not anticipatory, hastening to the end of the   
 having been seen, it has probably ‘been discourse, and treating it as ended.   
 altered to the future, as in the A. V.: see my joy] not ‘joy concerning Me, nor   
 ch. xiv. 13. whatsoever ye will, in ‘joy derived from Me,’ nor ‘ My joy over   
 the supposed case, is in the way you,’ but My joy, properly speaking (see 2   
 of God’s will, and as tending to bearing Cor. ii. \* By joy is the of you all”):   
 much fruit. 8.] Herein belongs to “ His own holy exultation, the joy of the   
 the following words, not the preceding : Son in the consciousness of the love of   
 as in the text. The mach fruit is God, of His Unity with the Father: see   
 not merely ‘large success in the apostolic ver. 10.” (Liicke.) and that your   
 mission,’ but ‘individual advance in bring- joy might be full] That their joy might,   
 ing forth the frnits of the Spirit. by the indwelling of that His Joy, he   
 According to the reading cited in the uplifted and ennobled even to fulness,—   
 margin, the Father’s glorification is con- to the extreme of their capability and   
 tinued by another result, and that ye may satisfaction,—and might remain so.   
 become My (true) disciples] “It is the 12—117.] Union in love with one another   
 foundation of being a Christian, to become enjoined on them. 12.] That He   
 a disciple of Christ: it is the completion may shew them that it is no rigid code of   
 of being a Christian, to be a diseiple of keeping commandments in the legal sense,   
 Christ.” Bengel. According to the ver. 11 is inserted, now the command-   
 reading with the verb in the future, the ment (as including all others) is again