

## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES (John 15)

### I. A THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP RELATIONSHIP (John 10:1-21)

### II. THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES (John 15)

- This analogy sets forth the \_\_\_\_\_ & its requirement for \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
the key word in this discourse is “\_\_\_\_\_”

#### A. The Context

##### 1. Generally... (John 20:30-31)

2. **Specifically**, John 15 is part of the **Upper Room Discourse** (John 13-17), and is written specifically to **believers** concerning their *relationship* to:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Himself (15:1-11) – the key word -- “\_\_\_\_\_” —10x
- b. Other \_\_\_\_\_ (15:12-17)—the key word -- “\_\_\_\_\_” —4x
- c. To the \_\_\_\_\_ (15:18-27)—the key word -- “\_\_\_\_\_”, as this is the world’s attitude toward Christ and those who are rightly related to Him—8x

#### B. Some *General Observations* to note about this passage....

1. Christ is speaking only to \_\_\_\_\_ here (the eleven).
2. These verses revolve around a \_\_\_\_\_ of the vine and branches which John uses to illustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ between Christ and His Church.
3. These verses concern believers abiding in Christ which results in \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The **point** of Jesus teaching therefore, is not on becoming a \_\_\_\_\_, but becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ believer in Him.

#### C. The *Characters* Involved:

1. The “True Vine” is \_\_\_\_\_ (15:1a)
  - What is the objective of the Vine?
2. The “Vine Dresser/Gardener” is \_\_\_\_\_ (15:1b)
3. The “branches” are \_\_\_\_\_ (15:2a)
  - What is the branch’s sole purpose? (15:2-5)
  - What is the Vinedresser’s purpose? (15:2)

#### D. The Process To Abiding

- How does God the Father make us as fruitful as possible? (15:2b)

a. Fruitless branches are “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

b. Fruitless branches are “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” as well.

- What conditions are needed to be met for fruitfulness to occur?

a. You will need to be \_\_\_\_\_ through the word of God (15:3; 1 Peter 1:23)

b. You will need practical \_\_\_\_\_ so you can continually \_\_\_\_\_ in the vine...

1) this will be true ... through the \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:9-11; Eph 5:26)

2) this will be true ... through daily \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ sin (Psalm 66:18; John 13:10-11)

- Remember, fruit here is seen as the product of the \_\_\_\_\_ whose vitality is \_\_\_\_\_ to the branch & that vitality is the product of the \_\_\_\_\_ through us!

- So what will this require on your part? (15:4)

“Abide” (meno) =

- The **key** to abiding is learning to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord moment by moment—by \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ in His goodness and promises—by staying **spiritually** \_\_\_\_\_ and not depending on \_\_\_\_\_ for anything.

- What happens when we don’t abide?

- What kind of fruit is God looking for from the branch?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

- Remember, God never asked us to \_\_\_\_\_ fruit only to \_\_\_\_\_ it.