

That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John

Lesson 8 – The True Vine John 15 & 16

John 15: 1 – 10 *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

2 *"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 **"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.** 6 *"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.**

- A. What is the relationship between a vine and its branches?
- B. What is the primary command in these verses – are we commanded to bear fruit?
- C. What does it mean to you to abide in Christ?
- D. What is fruit according to Galatians 5:22?
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E. How are we able to produce this fruit?

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

14 "You are My friends, if you do what I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you. 17 "This I command you, that you love one another.

F. What does it mean to lay down your life for others?

G. For what purpose does verse 16 say we were chosen and appointed by God?

15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

16:23b & 24 Truly truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

H. What do verses 15:7 and 23b mean? How can this be misunderstood?

I. Looking at verses 11 and 24, what does it mean to you for Christ's joy to be in us and for our joy to be made full? How is this related to abiding in Christ?

16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

J. What does this mean, and how should this knowledge affect believers in our daily walk?