

# The Vine and the Branches

## John 15:1-17

**John 15:1** *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ... 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. NKJV*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ vine is Jesus.

**Isa 5:1-5** *Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. 3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? 5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help. NKJV*

**Ps 80:8** *You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. NKJV*

**Hos 10:1** *Israel empties his vine; He brings forth fruit for himself. According to the multitude of his fruit He has increased the altars; According to the bounty of his land They have embellished his sacred pillars. NKJV*

**Jer 2:21** *Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a seed of highest quality. How then have you turned before Me Into the degenerate plant of an alien vine? NKJV*

The nation of Israel is \_\_\_\_\_ the true vine, Jesus is the true vine.

2. The vinedresser is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:2** *Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. NKJV*

Every branch that does not bear fruit, He takes \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:6** -Once the Father cuts off the unfruitful branches, they are cast aside to \_\_\_\_\_ away.

After they are dried up, they are thrown into the fire to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Every branch that bears fruit, He \_\_\_\_\_. (2)

Notice that no branch makes it without \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:3; John 13:7-11** - Jesus told Peter that if He did not wash him, then Peter could have no \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

3. The vines are His \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:4** - The true disciple is one who \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

The "abiding" Jesus talks about is \_\_\_\_\_. Christ also abides in the disciple.

**John 14:19-24** - Not only will we abide in Christ, and Christ will abide in us, but the Father and the Son will make Their \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

**John 14:1-6** - The word "mansions" in verse 2 is the same word as home in verse 23. God's plan has always been to be in close \_\_\_\_\_ with His people.

The responsibility of the vine is to bear \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.

The fruit of abiding in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and acting like Him.

Apart from Him we can do \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 15:7-8** - If we abide in Christ, and His \_\_\_\_\_ abide in us, we have the benefit of answered prayers.

When we bear much fruit, God is glorified, and we are Jesus' true disciples.

**John 17:6-8** *I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.* NKJV

The Apostles kept the words of Jesus.

They received the words of Jesus.

They believed the words of Jesus.

**John 14:15** *If you love Me, keep My commandments.* NKJV

**John 14:21** *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* NKJV

**John 15:9-17** *As the Father loved Me, I also have 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. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I 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 the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.* NKJV

If we keep Jesus' commands, we \_\_\_\_\_ in His love.

His command is that we love one another as \_\_\_\_\_ has loved us.

His love included laying down His \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

The only way to love as He loves is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.