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## Abiding in Christ, Part 2

John 15:1-8

### I. Jesus is the Vine (v. 1a)

A. Israel was the **original** vine [Psa. 80:8; Jer. 2:21; Ezek. 19:12; Isa. 5:1-5]

B. Jesus is the **true** vine (v. 1a, 5a) [Heb. 9:24; 1 Jn. 5:20; Rev. 3:7; 19:11]

### II. God is the Vinedresser (v. 1b) [Matt. 21:33-43]

### III. Individuals in the Visible Church are the Branches (vv. 2-8)

#### A. Branches that bear no fruit (v. 2a, 6)

1. These branches get **taken** away (v. 2a) [Matt. 15:13; Matt. 13:12]
2. These branches are **not** bearing fruit because they are not abiding (v. 6a) [Matt. 7:15-20]
3. These branches wither, are gathered, and are thrown into the **fire** (v. 6b) [Matt. 13:40-42]

#### B. Branches that bear fruit (v. 2b-5, 7-8)

1. These branches will be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2b)  
[1 Pet. 1:6-7; Rom. 5:3-4; Jms. 1:2-4]

a) To help us \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith (1 Pet. 1:6-7; Rom. 5:3-4; Jms. 1:2-4)

b) To keep us from becoming \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Cor. 12:7-10)

c) To show us His \_\_\_\_\_ for us (Heb. 12:5-6)

2. These branches must be \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in the vine (vv. 3-5) [Jn. 13:10; Col. 1:6, 21-23]

#### Ten Types of Fruit in the Bible

1. The fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 5:22-23)
  2. The fruit of praise offered to God (Heb. 13:15)
  3. The fruit of sacrificially giving to the Lord (Rom 15:28; Phil. 4:17)
  4. The fruit of keeping with \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 3:8)
  5. The fruit of a transformed heart (Matt. 13:23)
  6. The fruit of light shining in the darkness (Eph. 5:7-9)
  7. The fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in you (Phil. 1:9-11)
  8. The fruit of peace in being trained by righteousness (Heb. 12:11)
  9. The fruit of walking in good works (Col. 1:10; Eph. 2:10)
  10. The fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ of converts to the gospel (Jn. 4:36; 12:24)
3. These branches prove to be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 7-8)  
[Jn. 14:13; Psa. 66:18; Jms. 4:3; Matt. 5:16]

#### TAKE HOME

- What is the **job** of the vine? How about the vinedresser?
- What is the **fruit** the Jesus says that we should be bearing?
- What does **abiding** in Christ look like in your life on a daily basis?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read John 15:1. Who is the true vine? Read Heb. 9:24; 1 Jn. 5:20; Rev. 3:7; 19:11. What descriptions of the true vine do we see in these passages?

2. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some things we learn about the Divine Vinedresser in this parable?

3. Read John 15:2, 6. What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit? (Matt. 15:13; 13:12; 13:40-42)

4. Read John 15:2. What is the purpose of pruning? How does this happen? How does 1 Pet. 1:6-7; Rom. 5:3-4; Jms. 1:2-4 give further insight on pruning?

5. Read John 15:3-5. What happens when we do abide in Christ? Do we need to do this continually? Why or why not? (Jn. 13:10; Col. 1:6, 21-23)

6. What is spiritual fruit? Briefly discuss the 10 types of spiritual fruit given from the Bible. How does this compare with common misconceptions of fruit?

7. Read John 15:7-8. What do these verses teach us? How do you show that you are a disciple? What does that look like for you on a daily basis? (Jn. 14:13; Psa. 66:18; Jms. 4:3; Matt. 5:16)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

*“Repentance toward God, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, holiness of life and conduct, these are what the New Testament calls ‘fruit.’ These are the distinguishing marks of the man who is a living branch of the true Vine. Where these things are wanting, it is vain to talk of possessing dormant grace and spiritual life. Where there is no fruit there is no life. He that lacketh these things is ‘dead while he liveth.’”*

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*