



“Eternity Isn’t a Mystery”
John 15:1-9
Special Message

John 12:13 – “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

Hosanna means “please save!” or “save now!”

John 15:1 – “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.”

Two main jobs of a vinedresser:

- 1.) Cutting away dead branches.
- 2.) Pruning healthy branches.

John 15:2 – “Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

Matthew 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven...”

1.) Not all who claim to be followers of Jesus truly believe.

To prune: Greek “kathairō.” Can also mean “to make clean.”

John 15:3 – “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.”

2.) Pruning is evidence for belief.

Hebrews 12:6 – “For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

John 15:4 – “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

3.) Abiding is evidence for belief.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

John 15:5 – “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

4.) Bearing fruit is evidence of belief.

John 15:6 – “If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

Matthew 12:20 – “a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory.”

John 15:7-8 – “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Two qualifiers for “whatever you wish”:

- 1.) We abide in Him.
- 2.) His words abide in us.

John. 15:9 – “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in me.”

5.) A believer in Jesus never has to question Jesus’ love.

John 3:36 – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

“You’ll never have the courage to embrace the cross until you have the confidence that you own the resurrection.” -J.D. Greear

Right now, do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died and rose again to save you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
- 2.) Have you ever questioned whether you or not you were really saved? Why?
- 3.) Do you believe we can know for certain that we are saved? Why or why not?
- 4.) What does abiding in Jesus look like to you?
 - a. How easy or difficult do you feel like it is to abide in Jesus?
- 5.) What fruit do you see God producing in your life?
- 6.) How does the death and resurrection of Jesus affect your life on a daily basis?