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<p><i>Intro:</i> What is Christianity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about cultural Christianity • Talk about biblical Christianity 	<p><i>Review:</i> So far at John's telling of the last supper, in chapter 13 Jesus made clear His role as a servant. In chapter 14, He explained the doctrine of the trinity.</p>	<p><i>Today:</i> Coming to chapter 15, Jesus now explains HOW His followers are supposed to live as believers (Christians)</p>
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<p>1. Abide in the Vine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 1 The Vine and the Vinedresser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This imagery of God's people as part of a vine is common in scripture. Paul wrote of something similar when speaking to gentiles being brought in Rom. 11:17 • Bearing fruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ V. 5 Those that abide in the vine produce fruit (OT prophecy Isa. 27:6) ○ V. 2 And we are pruned so that we may produce more Hebrews 12:3-11 turn & read ○ V. 4 & 5b AND we cannot produce fruit apart from the vine Eph. 2:8-9 • V. 2 & 6 Those that do not abide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Father takes away, they are cut off, withered, and burned (judgement) 1 Thes. 1:7-9 	<p>2. Abide in His love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 9 & 10 How? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simple, keep Christ's commandments, just as He kept the Father's 1 John 5:3 • V. 8, 12, & 17 Loving God, and loving others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keeping all of God's commandments may seem hard, yet recall how Jesus said this could be accomplished Matt 22:37-40 <p>3. Abiding results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 11 Joy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The joy of Christ, joy to the fullest. 	
<p><i>Conclusion:</i> Abide... abide in Christ. In all things. Our life, our whole life, must abide in Christ. It is only when we are fully devoted to Jesus do we truly fulfill His will.</p>		

References

Romans 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

Isaiah 27:6 In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit.

Hebrews 12:3-11 turn and read

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-9 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. **9** For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Matt. 22:37-40 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”