

# JOHN 15

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Bible Study

## JOHN 15:1-2

I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that **beareth not fruit** he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he **purgeth** it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Jesus states I am the true vine. This indicates there are "false vines (teachings/images).that we have to look out for"

The fruit of the spirit (read Galatians 5:22-23) The fruit you yield is confirmation you are in Him and He in you. (read Matthew 7:16a and Romans 8:16).

**Purgeth:** to clear of imputed guilt or ritual **uncleanliness**. to clear away or wipe out legally (an offense, accusation, etc.) by atonement or other suitable action.

## JOHN 15:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Step 1

We are clean through the spoken word. (Believe it)

Step 2

Abide in Him and He in you. (Receive it)

Step 3

What does a believer look like? Don't try to be good, you can't do it on your own. Stop looking up, look within.

## JOHN 15:6-8

<sup>6</sup> If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

<sup>7</sup> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

<sup>8</sup> Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Jesus finished the job. Sin is no longer the deciding factor of eternity. Abiding in Jesus is. We truly believe if we abide in Him.

Knowing God as Jesus knows Him is the goal for every believer.

God is our good good Father and we must surrender to His will as obedient and faithful children. It's a lifetime commitment. Be disciplined in His love.

## JOHN 15:9-11

<sup>9</sup> As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

<sup>10</sup> If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

<sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

- God is not a dictator like the false god of this world. God is love and His nature is to be completely for us, not against us.
- By nature we respond with love and desire to keep His commandments. Jesus shows by example, even unto death, that it is good to trust, love and obey the Father. He is good. Trust Him even to the point of death!
- Our joy will be full as we remain in Him and He and His words remain in us.

## JOHN 15:12-14

<sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, That ye love one another, **as I have loved you.**

<sup>13</sup> Greater love hath no man than this, **that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

<sup>14</sup> Ye are my friends, **if ye do whatsoever I command you.**



What does obeying His commandments look like? "That ye love one another."



What does that love look like? "That a man lay down his life for his friends."



This kind of love for one another is for believers.

## JOHN 15:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

<sup>16</sup> Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Jesus elevates our relationship status with Him. And He gives us revelation on what the Father reveals to Him.

How do we know we are chosen? We hear and believe then go through testing. 1 Peter 4:12-13 and James 1:2-3 As we go through trials, ask (pray) and watch God prove His love to you.

When we continue in love it sets up the environment for God to manifest Himself in our midst.

## JOHN 15:18-21

<sup>18</sup> If the world hate you, **ye know that it hated me** before it hated you.

<sup>19</sup> If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: **but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

<sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

<sup>21</sup> But all these things will they do unto you **for my name's sake**, because they know not him that sent me.

- Romans 1:18-32 NLT sounds like our world today.
- Everyone wants to fit in, but God wants us to stand out **in His name**.
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5 "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:"
- The world hates you, because you turned your back on it to abide in Jesus! But some of us want to live in both places. It's a challenge to stand out and be hated. This is one of Satan's greatest weapons. He sends us storms and reveals our weakness and seeks to devour us 1 Peter 5:8.
- But the storm will also strengthen our faith in God's power when we really believe what the Word of God says. This will transform us and we will be born to stand out because of our testimony.



## JOHN 15:22-24

<sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have **no cloak for their sin.**

<sup>23</sup> **He that hateth me hateth my Father also.**

<sup>24</sup> If I had not **done among them the works** which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

- Jesus is specifically talking to the Jews here, but the Gentiles are included as well for they will know later about having a cloak for their sin. Matthew 22:10-13
- Good or bad does not matter. What matters is, what are you going to do about Jesus? If you hate Him you hate Father. If you love Him, you love the Father. Obeying His commandments is evidence that you love Him and the Father.
- Jesus has proved Himself to be God, by doing works which none other man did. They are recorded in history so that we may believe also today.
- We have not seen His works, but His spoken words are relevant to us and throughout future generations. His words created our free country and the laws we have and the way we ought to treat one another. If we follow His words, we will see His works through us.

## JOHN 15:25-27

<sup>25</sup> But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, **They hated me without a cause.**

<sup>26</sup> But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

<sup>27</sup> And **ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.**

Jesus proved to be righteous.

The Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus.

His first disciples recorded not what they believed, but what they saw. Later they saw Jesus risen from the dead!