



“ I AM THE  
TRUE VINE ”

John 15:1-17



# BEARING FRUIT IN JESUS

- 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.
- (John 15:2 NKJV)
- Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- (John 15:4 NKJV)
- "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- (John 15:5 NKJV)
- By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- (John 15:8 NKJV)

# ABIDING IN JESUS

- (John 15:4 NKJV)  
Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- (John 15:5 NKJV)  
"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- (John 15:6 NKJV)  
If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
- (John 15:7 NKJV)  
If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.



I Am  
the True Vine  
My Father  
is the  
Vinedresser

John 15:1

# QUESTIONS FROM THIS PARABLE

1. What are the branches?
  2. Can a branch *in JESUS* be taken away?
  3. What circumstances will cause it to be taken away?
  4. What does God do the fruitful branches (cf. Matt. 25:14-30)
  5. Why must we abide in Christ?
  6. What makes the branches fruitful?
  7. What can we do *outside of Christ*?
  8. What happens to the branch that does not abide in Christ?
- I am the Vine, you are the branches (vs. 5), cf. 'you, he, him.'
  - Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away. (vs. 2a)
  - Every branch that bears fruit He prunes that it may bear more fruit. (vs. 2b)
  - The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine (vs. 4)
  - He who abides in Me... bears much fruit (vs. 5)
  - Without Me you can do nothing. (vs. 6)
  - He is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and thrown them into the fire, and they are burned. (vs. 6)



## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- Am I bearing fruit for Christ?
- Am I abiding in Christ?
  - Does His word abide in Me?
  - Does His love abide in Me?
- Am I glorifying God?



**“I am the true  
vine”**

JOHN 15:1-5



**“I am the bread  
of life”**

JOHN 6:35-48



**“I am the way,  
the truth and the  
life”**

JOHN 14:6



**“I am the light  
of the world”**

JOHN 8:12; 9:5

# The seven “I AM” statements of Jesus



**“I am the resurrec-  
tion and the life”**

JOHN 11:25



**“I am the good  
shepherd”**

JOHN 10:11-14



**“I am the gate”**

JOHN 10:7

