

JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

Introduction: Jesus prepares His disciples for a fruitful ministry that will produce many souls who will put their trust in Him for salvation. They will suffer persecution from those that hated Him, but the Holy Spirit will come and help them so they can witness the truth about Jesus.

Lesson Aim: Abide in Jesus Christ so you can bear the fruit of many souls that put their trust in Him.

Memory Verse: "I am the vine, you are the branches: he that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer**I. The Believer's Relationship to Christ — 15:1-11**

1. What kind of a vine is Jesus? 15:1
2. Who is the husbandman (vinedresser)? 15:1
3. What happens to the believer-branches that do not bear fruit? 15:2; cf. 1 Cor 3:15
4. What happens to the branches that bear fruit? 15:2
5. How can a believer-branch be made clean (purged)? 15:2-3
6. What must a believer-branch do to produce much fruit? 15:5
7. Compare 14:15 with 15:7 to learn what is needed for our prayers to be answered: "If you _____ Me" = "If you _____ in Me"; and "keep My _____" = "My _____ abide in you." Then we can ask for whatever we need and it will be done for us.
8. How do we glorify our heavenly Father? 15:8
9. How do we abide in Jesus' love? 15:10
10. How can a believer have the fullness of joy? 15:11

II. The Believer's Relationship to Each Other and to Jesus — 15:12-17

11. What does Jesus command believers to do? 15:12
12. How is love demonstrated? 15:13
13. How do believers prove they are friends with Jesus? 15:14
14. How does Jesus prove that He is a friend with believers? 15:15
15. What does Jesus command believers to do? 15:16
16. What does Jesus give believers so they can do their job? 15:16

III. The Believer's Relationship to the World — 15:18-25

17. Why does the world hate and persecute Christians? 15:18-21
18. What reason does the world have for hating Jesus? 15:25

IV. The Believer's Relationship to the Holy Spirit — 15:26-27

19. How does the Spirit help believers? 15:26
20. What were the disciples to do that all believers are to do? 15:27