

ABIDING IN CHRIST – FOR WITHOUT HIM YOU CAN DO NOTHING!
(John 15: 1-11)

- What do all these verses have in common? (Matthew 5:13; Luke 1:37; Luke 5:5; John 6:63; John 21:3; Galatians 6:3; John 15:5; Philippians 4:13)

A. The THREE PERSONS of the VINEYARD. (15:1-2a)

1. There is the *True Vine* who is _____. (15:1a)
2. There is the *Vinedresser* who is _____. (15:1b)
3. There are the *branches* who are _____. (15:2a,3,5)

- What is critically important to remember about this passage in its context?
 - a. The Upper Room Discourse is given in view of the pending _____ of Jesus Christ, and the coming of the _____.
 - b. The individuals present who are hearing the Lord Jesus Christ are _____ only as Judas has already departed (13:30) and had already been _____ from their sins (15:3).
 - c. The phrase “in Me” refers to _____. (14:16-20; 17:20-23)

B. The THEME of JOHN 15:1-8.

1. The *subject* of our Lord’s teaching revolves around _____. (15:2)
2. God’s *desire* is that every believer bears as much _____ as possible in their lives, as this is the whole purpose of a branch.

- How is this expressed in this passage?
- Is it possible to be saved and not bear fruit? (Luke 8:14,15; 2 Peter 1:8)

C. The LOVING ACTIVITY of the VINEDRESSER Toward the BRANCHES to BEAR FRUIT. (15:2)

1. Toward *unfruitful branches*, He _____. (15:2a)
 - What does this mean and not mean?
2. Toward *fruitful branches*, He _____ them that they may _____. (15:2b)

- What does this involve?

D. The NECESSARY CONDITION of the BRANCH Toward the VINE To BEAR FRUIT. (15:4-5)

1. The *singular condition* that needs to be fulfilled is for the believer to _____ in _____ and for Christ to _____ in the believer. (15:4)
 - What does this mean?
 - What must you remember about your object of faith & abiding?
 - What must you grasp when it comes to fruit?
2. The *absolute necessity* of abiding in Christ to bear fruit is underscored when our Lord emphatically stated, “For _____ you can do _____.” (15:5)
 - Why is this the case?

E. The DISASTROUS ALTERNATIVE to ABIDING IN CHRIST. (15:6)

1. The word “*if*” (3rd class condition) denotes that a believer _____ or _____ abide in Christ.
 - What truth does this substantiate again?
2. The *consequences* of a failure to abiding in Christ involve...
 - a. Loss of _____ ... “he is cast out as a branch”
 - b. Loss of _____ ... “and is withered”
 - c. Loss of _____ ... “and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.”

F. The SUPERNATURAL FRUIT of the ABIDING BELIEVER. (15:7 – 11)

1. _____ . (15:5)
2. _____ . (15:7)
3. _____ . (15:8a)
4. _____ . (15:8b)
5. _____ . (15:9-10)
6. _____ . (15:11)
 - What are your options in the Christian life?