

## John 15:1-16

(Basic Bible in English)

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This is the chapter, the time, Jesus is arrested and crucified. Jesus has just finished His discussion with His disciples in the Upper Room after Passover and told Judas to leave and go do the evil deed he's going to do, and He's with the remaining 11 disciples. They are leaving now, crossing a valley and going up to Mount of Olives. Jesus will have His last discussion of instructions with His disciples here. This is very important, because it is the last words Christ speaks before He dies, and rises again.

Christians are a minority in the world. A lot of people claim to be Christian, but they're not. The terrible thing about it is that they've been misled and tricked out of their soul spending eternity with our Father in heaven. Anything that has a date on it is a testimony that Jesus lived on this earth. All our time is based on when Jesus walked the earth. The years are A.D. and B.C.

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

**2 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.** All fruit is pruned upon ripening so more fruit can grow. Jesus is the vine, and the Father is the gardener.

**3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.** You all haven't been pruned yet, but you've been cleaned through the word I have told you.

**4 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.** The whole chapter 15 premise is "Abiding In Christ". It means putting Him first, listening to Him and not yourself, staying close to Him. No one can grow spiritually without Christ. Judas wanted to use Jesus as a political figure who would kick out the Romans and make the 12 disciples rulers of the new Israel. That was not Jesus' program.

**5 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.** Notice Jesus says it again – if you don't do it My way, it will fail; it will be fruitless.


**6 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.** This brings to mind 1 Corinthians where works are burned with the other trash because they were worldly works and not works for Christ. Jesus will ask one thing: what have you done for Me? He doesn't care about anything else you've done, how much money you have, all the accomplishments you've achieved. He only cares about what you've done for Him.

**7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.** Jesus will not give you something bad for you. You are His child now and forever and He will care for you and give you only good things to do. If God doesn't answer your prayers, be thankful. You've probably just prayed for something that isn't good for you.

**8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.** When you glorify Jesus, you glorify the Father.

**9 ¶ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.** If you don't have the true love of Christ in you, you can't glorify the Father or Christ. The whole purpose of our lives is to glorify God the Father in heaven and Christ.

**10 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.** Christ set the perfect example. He kept the commandments as the Father told Him to do and He did it in Love.



**11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.** Notice He says "joy" and not "happiness". Happiness is due to external circumstances and is short-lived. Joyfulness is due to internal circumstances and lasts.

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

**13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.** Jesus is telling them that He is about to do just this: lay down His life for His friends.

**14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

**15 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.** You know what the Father's will is. He's given it to Me and I've given it to you.

**16 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.** This word "ordained" means "to be appointed, to be chosen" in Greek. Jesus chose all of us for a specific reason. We just need to ask Him through prayer what He wants us to do, and do it when He answers. He will equip you to do what He wants you to do. What you do in Christ will stay with you after judgment and the burning off of the chafe of all the extraneous activities of your life. Whenever you pray to God, ask for it in Jesus' name, not your own or He won't give it to you. He also won't give you anything that's bad for you.