Sermon: The Vine and the Branches Scripture: John 15:1-11 (text vs. 1-4)

Introduction: Misunderstandings associated with the text

Christ tells the story of a vine, its branches, and a farmer.

I. The vine is Christ.

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II. The branches are professing, and they are of two kinds: fruit-bearing and nonfruit-bearing (I Cor. 10:1-5).

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III. The vine dresser, farmer, is the Father. His actions with the branches are described (Matt. 15:12-14; John 13:10; 14:6,15,23,24).

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IV. The fruit of the branches identified:

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V. The way this fruit is increased (Phil. 4:13):

**Application** 

VI. What it is to abide in Christ – practical suggestions (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21; John 6:56; I John 2:4-6)

Application