



"The Abiding Relationship with Christ"

John 15:4-6 • part 69

INTRODUCTION

- grapes: a common fruit

Gen. 9:20

- vine and vinedresser: all about the fruit

Jn. 15:16; 2 Pet. 1:5-9; Jer. 17:7-8

- believing & abiding: mind, heart, will

1. Devotion—abiding in Christ with my mind

- Jesus' devotion to His own

Jn. 14:20
Josh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

- keeping the Lord at the center of everything

1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:1-3
1 Cor. 7:35; 2 Cor. 11:3

2. Dependence—abiding in Christ with my heart

- the necessity of dependence

Ps. 119:33-37

- the certainty of judgment if there is no dependence

Jn. 15:6

3. Discipline—abiding in Christ with my will

- character & conduct: a new nature with new expectations

Rom. 6:4-14
Heb. 12:11

- "trained"

2 Pet. 2:14
Heb. 5:14; 1 Tim. 4:7

CONCLUSION

- grapes: common
real Christians: ?