

## **I AM the True Vine (John 15: 9-11) Christ's Love & Our Love**

I) I Am the true vine, you are the branches (15:1)

II) How the true vine grows & what it produces (15:1b-4)

III) Abiding in Jesus ensures abiding fruit (15:5, 6)

IV) Jesus' personal challenge to all who will follow Him (15:7-8)

### **V) The Claims of Christ's Love (15:9)**

- Root of Jesus' claim upon us in God Himself & His redemptive purpose

1) The love of the Father for the Son: "**As The Father has loved Me**"

- Ultimate basis of fellowship: the love of God who is very love Himself

2) The love of the Son for His people: "**...I Also have loved you.**"

- The response of love: "**we abide in His love**"
- We are to keep ourselves in Christ's love and light (Jude 20,21)

### **VI. The Implications of Christ's Love (15:10-11)**

1) *Happy obedience*, expression of a heart of devotion & love (vv.10-11)

a) Walking with Jesus means we love Him & loving Him we keep His commandments (1 John 2:3-6; 3:22-23 Ps 40:8)

b) *The result of remaining in Christ is Joy* (v.11)

- An obedient Christian is a joyous Christian – knowing that it is God who works in him to do according to His good will & pleasure
- Our obedience flows from a heart set free to serve (Phil 3:3; 4:4)
- Peter sums up the joy of the Christian well: **1 Peter 1:6-8**