

John 15: 1 - 17

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. **9** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. **17** This is my command: Love each other.

1. What analogy is Jesus using in verses 1-2? What is the teaching of this analogy?
2. What does God do to the branches that bear no fruit? Who are these branches?
3. Who are the branches that bear fruit? What does God do to these branches? How and Why?
4. In verse 3, who was Jesus talking to and why did He say that they are clean?
5. How does a person "remain" in Jesus? What is the result?
6. In verse 4-5, what does it mean for a person to bear fruit?
7. According to verse 5, can a person bear fruit by their own abilities and power?
8. In verse 7, what is the qualification to receive anything that you ask for?
9. In verse 8, what is the evidence that shows that a person is a Christian?
10. In verse 8, what is the purpose for bearing fruit?
11. What does verse 9 teach about how we experience God's love?
12. According to verse 10, how does a person remain in God's love?
13. In verse 11, what is the result of remaining in God's love?
14. In verse 13, what is the greatest demonstration of love?
15. What does verse 14-15 teach about a believer's relationship with Jesus Christ?
16. What does verse 16 teach about how a person becomes a Christian?

John 15: 18- 27

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. 21 They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates me hates my Father as well. 24 If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. 25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.' 26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

1. According to verse 18, why is society and people resistant to or dislike Christians?
2. According to verse 19, what other reasons do people reject Christianity and Christians?
3. According to verse 20, what is Jesus telling the disciples to expect?
4. In verse 21, what is another reason Jesus gives for people rejecting Christ and Christianity?
5. What does verse 22 teach about accountability and knowledge?
6. According to verse 23, can a person reject Christ and still love God?
7. In verse 25, why is it important for Jesus to talk about the fulfillment of Scripture?
8. In verse 26, who is the Counselor and how does He testify about Jesus?
9. In verse 27, who else is responsible to testify about Jesus?
10. How do you think a Christian should testify about Jesus?
11. How is the Holy Spirit's testimony different than man's testimony?