

I AM the True Vine
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Introduction

“What you believe impacts the way that you live.”

3 Critical Themes to take away from John 15:1-8

1. Know your place

Jesus is the Vine
We are the branches
God the Father is the vinedresser.

If you remember that you are just a branch....

- You will not try to be a vine
- You will understand your need for the true vine
- You will respond better to pruning.

2. Abide in Christ

“Abide” is used 10x in John 15:1-10
Abide = = μένω ménō, men'-o; a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):—abide, **continue**, dwell, endure, be present, **remain**, stand

How can the disciples (let alone us) be expected to “abide” in Christ when he has told them that he is leaving?

- He gives us the Holy Spirit.
- John 16:7
- H.S. = teacher, illuminator, guide, convicts of sin, spirit of God.
- 1 Cor. 12:12-13 – those who accept salvation are guaranteed the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit gives us union with Christ. Our communion then is up to us.

3. Bear some Fruit

Understand what Real Fruit looks like
Galatians 5:22-25
God isn't done with you yet! He wants more fruit from you.
John 15:8