

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

June 3, 2018

The Parable of the Vine - John 15:1-10

Central Truth: To abide in Jesus Christ means that you are a child of God and that you are bearing spiritual fruit in your life. In other words, Jesus is the only Way for you! Everything you do, think, believe, feel, cherish, strive for, or react to must be rooted and grounded fully in Christ. He is the Vine!

1. Abiding in the True Vine (15:1-4).
 - A. The Vinedresser
John 14:23-24

 - B. The Pruning Work of the Vinedresser
 - Pruned by His Word (3).
Hebrews 4:12
2 Timothy 3:16

 - Pruned by our relationships with others
Galatians 2:20

2. Bearing Much Fruit (15:5-8).
 - A. Spiritual Fruit

 - B. Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23
Philippians 4:13

3. Keeping His Commandments (15:9-10).
 - A. Abiding in His love (9).
 - B. Obeying His commandments (10).
Colossians 1:9-10

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Memory Verse: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

Prayer: Lord, help me to let you be Lord in my life. I want to live the crucified life!

Reading Plan:

Monday:	John 14
Tuesday:	John 15
Wednesday:	Hebrews 4
Thursday:	2 Timothy 3
Friday:	Galatians 2
Saturday:	Galatians 5
Sunday:	Philippians 4

Song for the Week: *Crucified with Christ*, by Philips, Craig, and Dean

Consider:

- Discuss some scriptural examples of how God wants His children to look forward, leaving the past behind?
Genesis 19:25-26; Numbers 6:12; Deuteronomy 6:3; Philippians 3:14; 1 Peter 3:20
- Describe the work of a Vinedresser.
- Talk about how the Word of God prunes the life of a believer.
- What does it mean when the Bible talks about a believer bearing much fruit?
- How does the works of the flesh prevent us from allowing the Lord to produce fruit in us?
- Discuss the importance of our abiding in Christ's love in order for us to accomplish our mission within the earth.

Application:

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