

# JESUS, THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-17

Key Verse: 15:5

**“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”**

1. Read verses 1-4. What does Jesus say about himself? What is the significance of this statement? Who is the gardener and what does he do to make the vine more fruitful? What does verse 3 mean?

2. Read verses 4-8. What does this teach about the relationship between Jesus and his disciples (us)? Why is fruit-bearing so important? (8, Ge 1:28; Mt 7:16) What is the fruit God wants (16)? What happens to branches that become disconnected from the vine? How can we remain in Jesus the vine? (7; 10; Col 2:6,7)

3. Read verses 9-11. How does Jesus reflect the Father's love? How can we remain in Jesus' love? (9,10,17) What is Jesus' example? What does Jesus say about joy?

4. Read verses 12-17. What is Jesus' repeated command (12,17)? How can we love each other? How can we be Jesus' friend? What does it mean that God chose us? Why does God choose people?