

John 15:1-27 **VINE – Branches – VINE DRESSER**

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Cleansed by the Word of Jesus

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Abide in Christ to bear fruit

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ 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.

Cast into the Fire

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Obedience – for answers to prayers – for the Father's Glory

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Obedience will bring God's love and abiding presence

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That My joy may be in you – Your Joy may be full

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Love One Another – As Jesus loved you – Friends

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The World hates You and Me

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A Servant is not greater than his master

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No excuse for sin

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When the Holy Spirit comes upon you – You will be My witnesses

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Facts Revealed:

Vine – Vinedresser – Branches

- ✠ I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [John 15:1-2]
- ✧ Jesus is the vine, the Father is the vinedresser, we are the branches.
- ✧ Every branch that does not bear fruit will be taken away and cast into the fire. [John 15:2, 6]
 - ✧ This speaks of the Fire of Hell and the Lake of fire, where all that offend God find their eternal reward. [Matthew 3:10, 7:19, 13:41-42, Luke 3:9]
 - ✧ This is the fire that cannot be quenched and their worm cannot die. [Isaiah 66:24, Matthew 18:8-9, 25:41, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 20:10]

Cleansed by the Word of Jesus

- ✠ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. [John 15:3]
- ✧ Our cleansing comes from the Words of Jesus, the Word of God. [John 15:3, Psalm 119:9, Ephesians 5:26]

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- ✧ To bear good fruit, it is necessary for us to remain abiding in Jesus, adhering to His commandments, standing firmly on His Word, with full confidence of faith in His promises.
- ✧ Without Jesus, we can do nothing, because in Him we exist and consist. [Colossians 1:13-17]

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- ✧ If we want our prayers to be answered positively, we must have the heart of Jesus and pray according to His Will.
- ✧ This we can do only if we are living fully in Christ and His words are alive and dwelling in us.
- ✧ This is accomplished by careful study of the Word of God, with the enlightenment by the Holy Spirit giving us understanding.
- ✧ Our lives of obedience to the commandments of Jesus influences others around us and brings glory to God the Father.
- ✧ Thus we become fruitful in Jesus to the point that we bear much fruit as evidence of our discipleship.

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✧ As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. [John 15:9-10]

- ✧ The Love of Jesus for His disciples is the same as God the Father's love for Jesus.
- ✧ The command is: to abide (remain) in the Love of Jesus. [John 8:31-32, 15:4-10]
- ✧ The proof of our love for Jesus is our obedience to His commandments. [John 14:21, 23]
- ✧ The proof of the Love Jesus had for the Father was demonstrated by His obedience to the commandment of His Father. [Philippians 2:5-11]
- ✧ The Love the Father had for His obedient Son Jesus, was demonstrated by the things The Father accomplished through Jesus and His ministry. [John 10:37-38, 14:10-11]
- ✧ Also by the words of The Father God openly acknowledging Jesus as the beloved Son of His pleasure. [Matthew 3:17, 17:5, Mark 1:11, 9:7, Luke 3:22, 9:35-36, John 12:28]

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✧ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. [John 15:11]

- ✧ The purpose of the words of Jesus, was to establish and build our joy as we face this life and its problems.
- ✧ The joy He gives us is His own joy, knowing the end of the suffering, and the entering of His reward for His obedience, King of kings and Lord of lords, ruler of the Kingdom of Heaven. [Hebrews 12:1-2]
- ✧ Therefore, Jesus told us what lies ahead for us, and the eternal reward that awaits us, if we are faithful to obey His commandments, that we might enjoy the same joy Jesus had.
- ✧ Our joy will be full when we have the same heart as Jesus. [Matthew 5:11-12, Romans 15:13, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-13, 1 John 1:3-4, Jude 1:24]

Love One Another – As Jesus loved you – Friends

✧ **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** [John 15:12]

✧ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. [John 15:13]

✧ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. [John 15:14-15]

- ✧ **The commandment:** Love one another.

- ✧ **The pattern:** As I have loved you.
- ✧ **Fact:** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- ✧ **Example divine:** Jesus laid down His life for us while we, the Church, hated Him before we came to believe.
- ✧ God always goes a step beyond anything He asks of us.
- ✧ By revealing all that God has purposed for mankind, Jesus has brought us into the position of friends of God with profound knowledge of His intentions.

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- ✧ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. [\[John 15:16\]](#)
- ✧ The choice of the Apostles was made by Jesus Himself, not by the disciples.
- ✧ The reason they were chosen was that they might be appointed to bear enduring fruit for the Kingdom of God.
- ✧ For the fruitful disciple, Jesus gave the promise that the prayers of the faithful disciple offered in the Name of Jesus would receive favorable response from God the Father.

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- ✧ These things I command you, that you love one another. [\[John 15:17\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus reemphasized the command that we should love one another.
- ✧ This is the mark of discipleship.
- ✧ This is the fulfillment of all the Law and Prophets, the royal law, the foundation for all righteousness. [\[Romans 13:8-10, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8\]](#)

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- ✧ The Disciple is known by his love for Jesus and obedience to the commandments of Jesus.
- ✧ Jesus has chosen those who believe to be His Disciples.
- ✧ This is similar to Israel being the Chosen people of God.
- ✧ Out of resentment and wanting to consider themselves better than the obedient children, the rebellious worldly people turn against the obedient with vicious hatred.
- ✧ This is seen in the attitude of anti-Semitism against the Jews so prevalent around the world today. It is also the attitude of humanists against Christian believers.
- ✧ Jesus is indicating that this is to be expected, just as they hated Him and put Him to death on the cross, they will also hate His followers to the point of death.
- ✧ Evil people love those who are equally evil or even worse, because they feel that it makes them look better, comparing themselves with themselves. [\[2 Corinthians 10:12\]](#)

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- ✧ **The world has not changed**, People today resent the godly as much as they did in the time of Jesus and the Apostles.
- ✧ Some today hate God, the Scriptures His Word, and those who are godly, so they viciously reject their message and persecute the messenger because they do not know God or Jesus.
- ✧ Some today love God, the Scriptures His Word, and those who are godly, so they become obedient believers by choice.

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- ✧ Until Jesus came with the message of Salvation bringing understanding of the Law of God with miracles that confirmed His message, sin was in the world God overlooked it because of man's lack of understanding. [Romans 5:13]
- ✧ But when Jesus brought the clear understanding, God will no longer overlook man's ignorance, because the truth has been made known and the world has been called to repentance to prepare for the coming Kingdom of Heaven and the Day of Judgment. [Acts 17:30-32]

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- ✧ The Holy Spirit will be sent by Jesus to be a witness to testify of Jesus.
- ✧ The Disciples are also witnesses of Jesus.
- ✧ The qualification for a witness is that they have been with Jesus from the beginning.
- ✧ This became the specific requirement after Judas Iscariot committed suicide and the Apostles were to choose a replacement, that the replacement needed to be with Jesus from the beginning and also a witness of His resurrection. [Acts 1:21-22]
- ✚ But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.** [John 14:26]
- ✧ The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the Name of Jesus.
- ✧ The function of the Holy Spirit is to take the things of Jesus and reveal them to the believers, teaching them to understand the message given by Jesus. [John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-15]
- ✧ He will also bring to our remembrance all the things Jesus has said.
- ✧ Something can only be brought to remembrance after it has been put into the memory by careful study of the subject, then when needed it may be brought back to remembrance.
- ✧ The work of the Holy Spirit does not take the place of study of the Word of God, He only helps us understand and use what we have learned by bringing it to remembrance when needed.