

JESUS' FINAL WORDS

REVIEW



THE VINE AND THE VINEDRESSER An Object Lesson

The Great "I AM" Statements

- "I AM the bread of life" (6:35).
- "I AM the light of the world" (8:12).
- "I AM the door (gate)" (10:9).
- "I AM the good shepherd" (10:11)
- "I AM the resurrection and the life" (11:25).
- "I AM the way, the truth, and the life" (14:7).
- "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser" (15:1).

Isaiah 5: 4, 7 & 8



PRUNING

A good vintner will not allow his vines to grow how they will in whatever way seems best to them, but he will work painstakingly to guide, redirect, and prune each plant so it may reach the full potential it cannot even imagine for itself.

Jesus is the vine, God is the vinedresser, vintner, and Christians are the branches.



Of all the seasons, pruning is the one that finds the vintner working most intimately with the vine, involved in every detail of the plant.

Ways that God Prunes Us

1. Cleansing using _____
2. Trials

3. Producing fruit



Pruning is the vintner's mark of hope upon a plant, for one only spends time pruning a vine he believes will be effective.

Kinds of Spiritual Fruit

1. Winning _____ to Christ.
2. Growing in holiness and _____
3. _____ the fruit of the Spirit.



ABIDE

Definition:

The vine's best protection against wind is not higher walls, but deeper roots; walls may crumble, but no amount of wind can move the earth.

We need deeper roots in Christ.
Through abiding, we glorify God.

It matters a great deal which vine a branch clings to, for out of that vine flows the branch's source of life.



Some practical ways we can abide in Christ.

1. _____ with Jesus
2. Relying on Him.
3. Staying, continuing, _____

What is the key to abiding? _____
Psalm 63, 103

Abiding produces _____

LOVE

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (15:12). BUT Jesus added “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (15:13).

Jesus gives a _____ to love one another.
These things I command you, so that you will love one another (15:17).

Love is an act of the _____.

We have the _____ of becoming the _____ of Christ – the creator of the universe.

We ought to love one another as the disciples were commanded to do. They (and we) should love one another for these reasons:

- They were all connected to the same vine.
- They drew life from the same source.
- They were all united in friendship with Jesus.
- They were all going to be redeemed by the death of Jesus.
- They were all loved by God.
- They would all receive the same Spirit.
- They were all going to be employed in the same work.
- They were all going to be pursuing God’s glory by producing fruit.
- They were going to be together following Jesus’ departure.
- In light of all they shared... they were to love one another.

From 2BeLikeChristBibleCommentary – John 15 & John 16.



CHOSEN

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit . . . (15:16).

HATRED BY THE WORLD

1. What is the “world”?
2. Jesus’ warning to the disciples.
3. Why is there hatred for Christ’s followers?
 - We are identified with Christ (15;18, 20).
 - We do not belong to the world (15:19).

- The world is spiritually ignorant and blind (15: 21).
 - The world will not be honest about its own sin (15:22- 24; 16:1 -4).
4. Persecution in our contemporary world.

REMINDER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (John 16: 7 – 11)

1. The Holy Spirit will convict of the sin of _____.
2. The Holy Spirit will convict of _____.
3. The Holy Spirit will convict of judgment.

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