

John Chapter 15

[John 15:1](#) ¶ **I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman**[farmer, according to Strong's Concordance & Webster's 1828 Dictionary].

- **Who plants the grape vines?** The farmer Father. So, who "planted" Jesus?
 - [John 3:16](#) For **God** so loved the world, that he **gave his only begotten Son...**
 - [John 16:27](#) For **the Father himself loveth you, because ye** have loved me, and have **believed that I came out from God.**
 - [John 17:8](#) For **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; and **they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee**, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
 - [Colossians 1:15](#) [**Jesus**] **is** the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of every creature:**
- Note in vs 1 that the Father farmer is in charge of the "true vine". See also: [1 Corinthians 11:3](#) **But I would have you know, that... the head of Christ is God.** (written by Paul, who identifies his God in [1Cor 8:6](#) "But to us there is but **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things...")
- Bible texts that identify the God of Jesus => <http://sidnash.org/t/TheGodOfJesus.html>

[John 15:2-3](#) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he[**Christ's Father**] purgeth[prunes] it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now **ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.**

- [John 6:63,68](#) It is the spirit that quickeneth[**gives life**]... **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life...**(Jesus) 68 ... **thou hast the words of eternal life.**(Peter)
- We see here that we "**are clean through the word**" that Jesus has given us because He "**hast the words of eternal life.**"

[John 15:4](#) **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide in me.**

- How do we "**abide in [Jesus]**"? As we saw above, it is the **words of Jesus** that must abide in us that we may have eternal life. So, to abide in Jesus is to read **His words** and assimilate **his words** as nourishment for our mind and our life, like we assimilate our food as nourishment for our bodies.
- In verse 7 below, Jesus gives us the benefits when "**my words abide in you**".

[John 15:5](#) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing.**

- Likewise, Jesus said He can do nothing without His Father:
 - [John 5:19](#) ... **The Son can do nothing of himself**, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
 - [John 5:30](#) **I can of mine own self do nothing...** I seek not mine own will, but the will of the **Father which hath sent me.**
 - [John 8:28](#) ... **I do nothing of myself**; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
- However, "**I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me."([Philippians 4:13](#))

[John 15:6-10](#) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

- Notice how our relationship with Jesus is to be much the same as Jesus' relationship to His Father.

[John 15:11-14](#) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.** 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 **Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

- Notice the condition required for being a friend of Jesus:
 - "**do whatsoever I command you.**"

[John 15:15-17](#) Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for **all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.** 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should **go and bring forth fruit**, and that your fruit should remain: **that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.** 17 **These things I command you, that ye love one another.**

- Notice the conditions of receiving of Christ's Father whatever we ask:
 1. **"go and bring forth fruit"**
 2. Ask of His Father **"in [Jesus'] name"**

[John 15:18-21](#) ¶ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 **Remember the word that I said unto you**, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you **for my name's sake**, because **they know not him that sent me.**

- In Christ's prayer to His Father, in [John 17:3,18,21,23,25](#); Jesus identified **"him that sent me"** => 3 And **this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, **whom thou hast sent...** 18 As **thou hast sent me** into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.... 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: **that the world may believe that thou hast sent me...** 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that **thou hast sent me**, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.... 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and **these have known that thou hast sent me.**
- [John 3:16](#) For **God** so loved the world, that he **gave his only begotten Son...**

[John 15:22-24](#) If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now **they have no cloke for their sin.** 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but **now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.** 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, **They hated me without a cause.**

- [Psalm 69:4](#) **They that hate me without a cause** are more than the hairs of mine head...
- [Psalm 35:19](#) Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me... **that hate me without a cause.**

[John 15:26](#) ¶ But when **the Comforter** is come, **whom I will send** unto you **from the Father**, even **the Spirit of truth**, which **proceedeth from the Father**, he shall testify of me: 27 And **ye also shall bear witness**, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

- [John 14:26](#) and **the Comforter, the Holy Spirit...**
- Notice that Jesus identifies "the Comforter" and "the Spirit of truth" as "the Holy Spirit", "which **proceedeth from the Father**".
- After Christ's return to Heaven, at the day of Pentecost when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, Peter "**bear witness**", as Jesus prophesized in verse 27:
 - [Acts 2:33](#) "[Jesus] **at the right hand then of God having been exalted** -- also **the promise of the Holy Spirit having received from the Father** -- [Jesus] **was shedding forth this, which now ye see and hear;**"
- Later, Paul also "**bear witness**":
 - [Galatians 4:6](#) "and because ye are sons, **God did send forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying, `Abba, Father!'"

More detail about the Comforter being sent => <http://sidnash.org/docs/ComforterSent.html>

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3](#); [Matt4:4](#))

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