

Message Notes “I AM the Vine You are the Branches”

Whenever Jesus refers to himself as “_____” He is saying something extremely significant! John ‘s gospel flows with _____ of these “I AM’s” and are some of the most effective and useful verses in the Bible!

Exodus 3 ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

John 15

¹“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

²“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

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

⁴“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so 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, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

⁶“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

⁷“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

⁹“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

¹⁰“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.

¹¹“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

¹²“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴“You are My friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

¹⁷“This I command you, that you love one another.

John 1 ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Galatians 5

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Jesus is building a detailed allegory about “_____” in our lives and the absolutely essential importance of “_____” with Christ to be at all “fruitful” as a human being!

Keys:

The “True” Vine:

The Vinedresser Father:

The “taking away” and the “cleaning”:

The “Abiding—Remaining”:

The “Abiding” Life vs. The “Apart” Life