

Questions for John 15:1-15

1. Why does Jesus specify that He is the “true vine”? How does God the Father execute the role of vinedresser? What does it mean that God prunes the branches that bear fruit? (Verses 1-2)

2. How were the disciples already clean? How does this statement relate to a similar one spoken in John 13:10? What does God classify as “bearing fruit” and can anyone bear fruit apart from Jesus? (Verses 3-4)

3. Who is the vine and who are the branches? Are the branches representative of individual faithful Christians or whole churches and various Christian religions? How might our understanding of this passage effect our outlook on the church and our relationship with Christ? (Verse 5)

4. How would we fail to abide in Jesus? How and when does the process of casting out the branch occur? (Verses 6-8)

5. How did the Father love the Son? How did Jesus love us and how should this be portrayed in our love for one another? How do we abide in the love of Jesus? (Verses 9-12)

6. Why is there no greater love than laying down one's life for their friends? Does this apply in all cases or is this unique to Jesus? In what way are we made friends of Christ? There are critics that accuse those that believe obedience is essential to salvation, as being "legalistic" Christians. What is the difference between obedience and legalism? (Verses 13-15)