



## **SERMON NOTES**

May 27, 2018

Scripture: John 15:1-5 (NAS)

"I Am the Vine"

Rev. Bruce Gardner

- 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.

### **I. THE METAPHOR OF THE VINE**

- A. Jesus Is The Vine
- B. The Father Is The Vine Dresser
- C. Unfruitful Branches Are Nominal Christians *Matthew 7:20*
- D. The Branches Being Pruned Are Christians *Hebrews 12:10; 1*

### **II. THE PRUNING**

- A. Through Temptation
- B. Trials
- C. Grief *I Peter 1:7*

### **III. SEEING THE LOVING HAND OF THE FATHER**

- A. Difficult To See In The Midst Of The Pruning
- B. More Visible As We Look Back And See What God Has Done
  1. The life of Joseph *Genesis 50:20*
  2. The life of Paul *II Corinthians 11:23; Philipians 3:8; Romans 8:18*

### **IV. YOU ARE CLEAN**

- A. Lightfoot Pointed To Leviticus 19:23, 3 year delay in eating fruit
- B. The Unclean Removed With Judas' Departure *John 13:10*

### **V. ABIDING IN JESUS INVOLVES**

- A. A Living Faith
- B. Obedience
- C. Following Him

### **VI. ABIDING IN CHRIST PRODUCES**

- A. Lasting Fruit
- B. Fruit For His Glory
- C. Ongoing Sanctification