

REMAIN IN JESUS

John 15:1-27

Key Verse 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

1. What metaphor did Jesus use in describing his relationship with the Father and with his disciples (1, 5a)? What two things does the Father do and why (2)? How are Jesus’ disciples cleaned¹ (3)?
2. What must we do to bear fruit (4)? Note the repetition of “remain² in me” (4a,4b,5,6,7). What does it mean, and why did Jesus emphasize it? What happens to those who “remain in Jesus” and “Jesus in them,” and to those who do not (5-6)?
3. When we remain in Jesus and his words remain in us, what privilege can we receive (7)? What is the result of bearing much fruit (8)?
4. After showing his disciples the Father’s love, what did Jesus urge them to do (9)? How does Jesus want his disciples to remain in his love (10a)? What is Jesus’ example (10b)? What would his disciples experience if they keep Jesus’ command (11)? What is Jesus’ command to his disciples (12)?
5. What is the ultimate expression of love and how would Jesus demonstrate this (13)? Who are Jesus’ friends, and how are they different from servants (14-15)? What is Jesus’ purpose in choosing his disciples (16)? What is fruit that lasts (16b-17)?
6. What are the reasons the world hate Jesus’ disciples (18-25)? What should they remember? What will the Holy Spirit do (26; 16:8-15)? How should Jesus’ disciples respond to the world’s hatred (27)?

*In light of this passage how has Jesus loved you? How can you remain in Jesus?

¹ The Greek for “prune” also means “clean.”

² Other major translations say “abide” instead of “remain.”