

REMAIN IN ME

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. What did Jesus urge his disciples to do and how (9-10a)? What is Jesus’ example (10b)? What will they experience if they keep Jesus’ command (11)? What is Jesus’ command to his disciples (12,14,17)?
5. What is the ultimate expression of love which Jesus demonstrated (13)? Who are Jesus’ friends, and how are they different from servants (14-15)? What is Jesus’ purpose in choosing his disciples (16)? What fruit lasts (16b-17)?
6. What are the reasons the world hates Jesus’ disciples (18-25)? What should they remember (20)? Whom would Jesus send and what would he do (26)? What must Jesus’ disciples do (27)? How can you remain in Jesus?

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

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