

Faith Missionary Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY

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LESSON 12

Know That You Are Connected To Jesus The True Vine

John 15:1-7, 1 John 3:2, 2 Tim. 2:19

INTRODUCTION

There is no better way to describe our relationship to Jesus than the analogy of the vine and the branches. If you have ever noticed a grapevine especially when the grapes are producing, you will see immediately how the grapevine can compare to our relationship with Jesus. The grapevine has a caretaker to prune, fertilize, and gather the harvest. Our relationship with Jesus is one of dependence. Our relationship is also one of expectation. The caretaker expects the vine to bear fruit. Every vine has some dead branches that must be cut out. In our lesson today we are going to focus our attention on the benefits of our relationship to Jesus.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION: What is the most mind-boggling thing about your relationship to Jesus Christ?

1st Reading-John 15:1-2..... Identifying The Parts and Their Function

- A. Jesus declares, I am the true vine.
- B. True vine implies there are false vines.
- C. God the father is the vinedresser.
- D. Fruitless branches are cleaned out (Clipped)
- E. Fruitful branches are purged to produce more fruit

2nd Reading-John 15:3-4.....The Transition In Application From A Vine To Believers

- A. You are clean.
- B. How? Through the word (Christ's teachings)
- C. Remain or stay in Christ
- D. And I in you (two-way relationship-not one sided)
- E. Branches do not bear fruit apart from the vine
- F. Application: Believers cannot bear fruit apart from Jesus

3rd Reading- John 15:5.....You Are Because I AM

- A. Jesus declares, I am the vine (The source)
- B. You (believers) are the branches
- C. He who abides (stays) in me, and I in him
- D. Produces fruit
- E. Without me you can do Zero (A hard lesson for many to learn)

4th Reading-John 15:6.....Dead Branches Are Burned

- A. He who does not remain in Christ is separated as a branch.
- B. Withers
- C. Dead branches are gathered and thrown into the fire (Illusion of hell)
- D. This is a warning against fruitlessness

5th Reading- John 15:7.....*The Benefit of Abiding In Christ-Answer To Prayer*

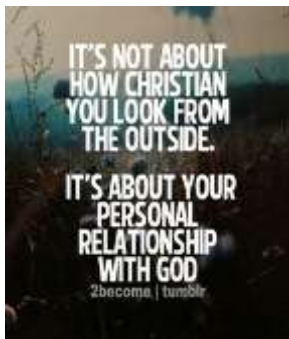
- A. Notice the condition: “IF”
- B. If you abide in me and my word abide in you
- C. The privilege: Ask what you will
- C. *The promise: It shall be done unto you.*

5th Reading-1 John 3:2.....*Now You Are Sons of God (Daughters Included)*

- A. Your status is defined and verified by God.
- B. Uncertainty- we do not know what we will be (Not yet revealed)
- C. Certainty-We know
- D. We will be like Jesus
- E. We will see Jesus as he is, not as he was but as he is.

6th Reading-2 Timothy 2:19.....*God’s Foundation Stands Sure*

- A. Notice the word, “nevertheless”- this means, in spite of, or anyhow, regardless of whatever circumstances
- B. Notice God’s foundation, not man’s
- C. God’s foundation has a seal (a guarantee)
- D. God knows his
- E. Live up to your identity in Christ by righteous living



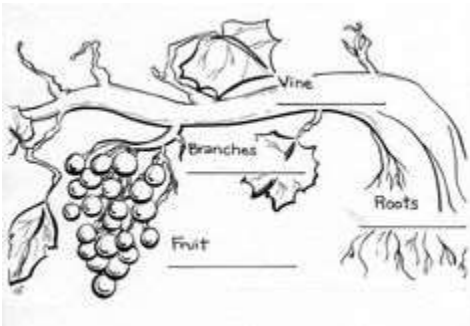
“get close to GOD first
before getting close to anyone else.
GOD without a man is still GOD.
but a man without GOD is...
nothing.”
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Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

- 1. Christians are connected to a permanent eternal relationship that cannot be dissolved
- 2. God has high expectations of us to be fruitful.
- 3. God has invested so much in each of us.
- 4. We should not let God down by failing to produce fruit.
- 5. Without Jesus we can do Zero.
- 6. Painful experiences are part of the Lord’s pruning process to make us more fruitful.
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____

MEMORY VERSES: “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”
-----John 15:5



GOD IS NOT CALLING US TO GO TO CHURCH

HE IS CALLING US TO BE HIS CHURCH,

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

