

# ABIDE IN ME AND I IN YOU



**JOHN 15:1-8**

# I. God cleans His vine so that it will bear more fruit (**John 15:1-3**).



- What is the significance of using the same word for 'cleaning' and for 'pruning?'
- When He cleans the branches, what is the vine-keeper's purpose?

**II. The purpose and survival of every branch has to do with abiding in Jesus (v.4).**



- **How does our survival parallel that of a branch on the vine?**
- **How does our purpose as well as God's parallel that of a branch on the vine?**
- **What will help you to abide closer to the true Vine?**

# III. The remaining in Christ works both ways (v.4-5).



- Why would Jesus use the word for 'abide'/'remain' 8 times in these 8 verses?
- What makes it possible for us to remain in Jesus?
- What makes it possible for Jesus to remain in us?

# IV. When we choose not to remain in Christ, our lives are worthless (v.6).



- What happens to your life when you don't willfully choose to remain in Jesus?
- Why do we want to prevent that from happening?

**V. Remaining in Christ  
opens doors for prayer  
and for outreach (v.7-8).**



- How does our mutual remaining in Christ affect prayer?
- How does our mutual remaining in Christ glorify God?

**Call to Action: To  
diligently strive to live in  
Christ who lives in us.**



- Why do you want Jesus to seriously prune your life?
- What behavior changes will help you to live closer to Christ?
- What fruit is being produced by Christ who lives in you?
- How are you bringing glory to the One who lives in you?

**-How can we help?**