

## John 15

- 1 In Old Testament, Israel is depicted as a Vine, representing the people of God. Jesus is The True Vine, that is, the people who belong to Him are now the people of God. The gardener represents God the Father. He supervises the Vine.
- 2 He cuts off fruitless branches, that is, those in Israel who were outward and formal in their professed religion. He prunes genuine branches by faithful discipline so that they will improve in a fruitful life.
- 3 The disciples were clean because they had received the word of forgiveness.
- 4 To be fruitful a branch must remain in close contact with The Vine.
- 5 The Saviour is The Vine, believers are the branches. Apart from reliance upon the Vine we can achieve nothing.
- 6 The terrible fate of false branches.
- 7 Two conditions for answered prayer - 1. Abiding in Christ. 2. Obedience to His word.
- 8 Bearing good fruit enhances our Father's glory and shows that we belong to the Saviour.
- 9.10 We are loved and remain loved as we seek to follow our Lord.
- 11 The joy of knowing that we belong.
- 12 Obedience is loving one another.
- 13 The greatest love. Christ dying for us.
- 14.15 Friends are closer than servants.
- 16 The reason we became His people, chosen and appointed to bear good fruit and have our prayers answered.
- 18, 19 The world of sinful people hates the Saviour and His people, because they resent being reminded of their guilt, and He and we are different.
- 20, 21 Servants are treated as their Master.
- 22 Guilt is their real problem.
- 23, 24 They hate both Father and Son. The miracles prove that He came from the Father and should have resulted in adoring wonder.
- 25 Prophecy fulfilled. They had no just cause for their hatred and rejection.

26, 27 The promised Holy Spirit will come to confirm the truth about The Lord Jesus and will help the disciples to testify about Him.