



# Redeeming Notes

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"Connecting to the Vine", John 15:1-8

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## Principles of the Vine

### Principle 1: Jesus is the true Vine, we are the branches of the Vine

- ◆ Either **fruitful** or **unfruitful** branches of the Vine
- ◆ Either **attached** or **unattached** branches of the Vine

### Principle 2: We can be unfruitful while still attached to the Vine

- ◆ Though attached, **fruitless** branches are **cut off**  
*"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit." -verse 2a*
- ◆ Why fruitless? Not enough **nourishment** drawn from the Vine!

### Principle 3: We can be fruitful and attached branches of the Vine

- ◆ Fruitful branches are **pruned**
- ◆ The purpose for pruning is to **prepare** the branch to **bear more fruit!**

*"...every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." -verse 2b*

### Principle 4: In order to be fruitful, we must be fully connected to the Vine

*"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." -verse 4*

- ◆ The attached branch receives **nourishment**

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." -verse 7*

- ◆ The attached branch glorifies God by **bearing fruit**

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit..." -verse 8a*

- ◆ The attached branch shows he/she is a **disciple** by bearing fruit

*"...showing yourselves to be my disciples." -verse 8b*