



Redeeming Notes

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"I Am the Vine" John 15:1-7

Jesus spoke these words on the night He was betrayed.

I. Jesus is the vine

"Jesus said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches'."

Jesus is a **good vine**

- Look at his **pedigree**
He is "God of God, light of light, very God of very God"
(Nicene Creed)
- Look at his **nature**
"He is holy...separate from sinners...undefiled...higher than the heavens." (Select verses)
- Look at his **power or vigor**
"All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3
- Look at his present **condition**
"He rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, sits on the right hand of God the Father." (Apostle's Creed)

II. You are the branches

- We were **worthless** branches
- We were **corrupt**
- A corrupt tree cannot bring forth **good fruit**

By God's grace a **miracle** happened.

The Holy Spirit **grafted** us into Christ.

"He that abides in me...the same brings forth much fruit" John 15:5

- A good tree will bring forth **good fruit**
- As the **vine**, so the **branches**, so the **fruit**.

But the follower of Christ does not produce good fruits **automatically**.

We produce them as we **consciously** abide in Christ.

How? A moment by moment choice to live in **obedience** to Christ's Word and His commandments.

III. God is the vine dresser

"Jesus says, 'My Father is the vine dresser'" John 15:1

The vine dresser cuts out all the **dead wood** and piles them up for the **judgment** when they will be burned.

"Jesus says, 'Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away'."
John 15:2

"If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned."
John 15:6

"The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment." Psalm 1:5

The vine dresser even **prunes** those who bring forth fruit.

"Every branch that bears fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
John 15:2b

Do you want to grow as a Christian?

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." John 15:7