

## **SERIES: THE TRUE LIGHT**

# The Truth About Christian Fruitfulness

John 15:1-8

## 1. The "True Vine" = Jesus

#### John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."

The vine represented the promise of God to Israel Joshua 24:13

Numbers 13:27

The vine pointed to the place of Israel in the Messiah's kingdom

Zechariah 3:10

The vine showed the prosperity of Israel *Luke 21:5-6* 

## Jesus is the "True Vine" because:

He is the **Promised One** (2 Corinthians 1:20)

He gives us our <u>Place</u> in the millennial Kingdom (2 Tim. 2:12)

We have complete **Prosperity** in Him (Matthew 6:20)

#### Jeremiah 2:21

"Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a seed of highest quality. How then have you turned before Me Into the degenerate plant of an alien vine?"

### 2. The Vinedresser = God the Father

#### John 15:1-2

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

#### Proverbs 6:16-19

<sup>16</sup> These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

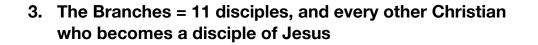
#### **Proverbs 3:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; <sup>12</sup> for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.

#### Jeremiah 19:15 - 20:2

<sup>15</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words.'"

20:1 Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who was also chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. <sup>2</sup> Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.



## John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

## Fruit = Pleasing God in everything

- I. The fruit of repentance (Matthew 3:8)
- II. The fruit of Salvation (Mark 4:20)
- III. The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- IV. The fruit of good works (Colossians 1:9-10)
- V. The fruit of the Womb (Psalm 127:3)

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