

John pt29 - (15:1-17)

The True Vine and the Branches

1. John 15:1-8 – The vine and branches
 - a. 15:3 - “Now ye are clean” – Not by foot washing. 13:10
 - b. Vine = Jesus, the promise made to the fathers (Rom 15:8)
 - c. Branches = the disciples, the “little flock” (Luke 12:32), fulfilled promise
 - i. The abiding is conditional – 15:4-7,10,12
 - d. Fruit = Righteousness, eternal life, ... kingdom blessings
 - i. Know them by their fruits – Mat 7:16-21
 - ii. The fruit of the righteous is eternal life - Prov 10:16, 11:30
 - iii. Paul writes it is a gift of God – Romans 6:1-3, 22,23
 - iv. The kingdom and righteousness - Mat 6:33, Luke 12:32-34
 - e. 15:6 – “cast forth and burned” – Mat 3:7-12; 7:10
 - i. The vineyard is laid waster - Isa 5:1-7 – Vineyard is Israel
 - ii. The purging of Israel - Isaiah 4:2-4
 - iii. The punishment postponed - Luke 13:6-9
 - f. Romans 11:16-24 – The olive tree and broken branches
 - i. Olive trees = Israel’s promise – Exo 27:20-21; Deut 24:20
 - ii. The topic in Romans 11 – who gets the promise? – Rom 9:4-8
 - iii. The key to identifying the grafted branches is 11:21 & 22
 - iv. You do not have a conditional standing in Christ – Rom 5:1-2
 - v. You’re not seeking an earthly kingdom by righteousness–Eph 2:6
 - g. 15:8 - “my Father is glorified in fruit” – compare to Gal 6:14; Col 1:27
2. John 15:9-15 – Love for his friends
 - a. 15:9 - “continue ye” – This is the endurance until the end – Mark 13:13
 - b. “keep my commandments” – love by works → James 2:17-18
 - c. 15:11 - “that my joy might remain in you” - compare to Rom 5:11
 - d. 15:12-13 – friends vs enemies = Rom 5:8,10
 - i. Why friends? – because they know – 15:15
 - ii. We have the adoption of sons in Christ - Gal 4:1,5-7
 - iii. We know the mystery of his will - Eph 1:11, 3:10
 - e. 15:15 – “all things” - Did Jesus reveal the mystery? – No! John 16:12
 - i. Positional truth – Mark 13:32 – God knows, no man knew
3. John 15:16-17 – Who chooses who?
 - a. Jesus chose the disciples = Luke 6:13; John 6:70
 - b. His disciples chose him = If... then is a conditional statement
 - c. “Will ye also go away?” - John 6:67
 - d. Faith comes by hearing – Rom 10:17; Eph 1:13 → you believe!