

# *Jesus, the Great I AM*

(16) The True Vine

## *The promise of the Counselor ...John 14:16-31*

What incredible promise does Jesus make to the disciples? 14:16-17, 26

**He will ask the Father to give the Holy Spirit, to be with believers forever. Living in you!**

What does 'comforter' mean? see 15:26; 16:7-15 Eph.1:13-14, 4:30

**Gr=Parakletos, one called alongside to assist. The Spirit of Truth, The believer's seal.**

What is *significantly* different now (NT) relative to the OT? Ps.51:10-11; Eph.4:30

**The Holy Spirit permanently indwells believers today. In OT, He came and then left.**

What is one of the precious ministries of the Holy Spirit to us? 14:25-26; IIPet.1:19-21

**He will teach us all things, and will remind us of what Jesus said. He Authors the Word.**

What promise does Jesus make next? 14:27 Rom.5:1; Phil.4:4-7, 9

**He gives us (believers) His peace. We now have peace with God and peace of God.**

What does He now tell them of His time with them? 14:28-31 see Col.2:15

**My time with you is very short. Satan is coming but he has no hold on Me. No sin whatever**

## *I AM the true vine...John 15:1-17*

As they are leaving the supper what great declaration does Jesus make? 15:1

**I AM the true vine and My Father is the gardener! Possibly spoken going thru gardens.**

What is the background for this imagery? Isa.5:1-7; Hosea 10:1-2 see Mt.21:33-46

**The nation of Israel was God's vine. He expected good fruit but got none! Now judged.**

The key word here is *abide* (remain). What does it mean to abide in Him? 15:4, 5, 7

**Unbroken fellowship. It's the only way we branches can bear fruit. It's our purpose!**

What is a clear description of this fruit? Gal.5:22; Jn.15:8; Rom.8:29

**It's our character, who we are. We're to be like Christ. It glorifies Christ and the Father.**

How does this *character-fruit* manifest itself? What are some works that flow out of it?

**Evangelism, disciple making, missionary work, ministering to the poor, comforting others**

Is it possible to have these works apart from the true fruit? 15:4, 5, 6; Mt.7:22-23

**Yes. But those works are dead. Easily counterfeited! Real effort (abiding) is in the fruit.**

Is it possible for a true believer to not abide in Him? 15:2, 6 see IJn.5:16-17; ICor.3:10-15

**Yes, it's possible. No abiding, no fruit, pruned out. Not loss of salvation. Loss of rewards.**

What had Jesus already taught them about abiding in Him? 15:3; 14:8-10 see IJn.1:9

**They were clean (salvation) but needed cleansing (from daily sins). Abiding in Him.**

How do we become the friend of Christ? 15:14,15 and what is His command? 15:9, **12, 17**

**Obeys His commandments! And His command here is to love each other like I loved you.**