

# Sermon Series – “I AM”

## Part 5 – “The Vine”

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**Scripture Reading:** John 15:1, 2 & 5

The \_\_\_\_\_ for our study today record words that were spoken by Christ only to His disciples. But had social media existed in Christ’s day and these words were posted online, they would have gone \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel. These words, though appearing \_\_\_\_\_ to some, are \_\_\_\_\_ important to our Christian walk and hold the key to living a \_\_\_\_\_ life. While the full \_\_\_\_\_ of these words of life can only be appreciated by those who are living the experience, all who by faith choose to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus calling them in this invitation, will sense His \_\_\_\_\_ wooing them to Himself to enter into this saving relationship. Have you often felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ of your circumstances and earnestly desire to have the daily experience of the overcomer? You are not alone! Let us (again) study how we might obtain \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

### Grafted Into the True Vine (*John 15:1-10*)

1. Why did Jesus use the word “true” to identify Himself as the \_\_\_\_\_? *v 1; Isa. 5:1-7*
2. What is the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_ work and what does it entail? *v 1 & 2*
3. How is the \_\_\_\_\_ connection maintained so that we can produce fruit? *v 4*
4. Can I still have the \_\_\_\_\_ experience even when I’ve messed up? *v 3*
5. What does it mean to abide in Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ is made to those who do? *v 7-10*

“Herein is My Father glorified,” said Jesus, “that ye bear much fruit.” God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, of His own character. Yet the Saviour does not bid the disciples labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him. “If ye abide in Me,” He says, “and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The words of Christ are spirit and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4. The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.

**The Desire of Ages, p. 677**

*May we remain grafted in, and bear much fruit for Him!*