

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 15 PT. 1: The True Vine

Introduction: Chapter 14 ended with words, in Verse 30, that we must not breeze over, “the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in regard to me”.

Understanding: Yeshua is making two powerful statements here, “the ruler of the world is coming” and “he has nothing in regard to Me”.

- “The ruler of the world is coming”
 - He is letting them know that Satan has control over the world and non-believers.



Luke 10:18 (NASB) – ¹⁸ And He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

- “He has nothing in regard to Me”
 - Satan has no power over Jesus.
 - Therefore, he has no power over those who belong to the Lord.
 - Satan has authority but not absolute authority.

Luke 10:19 (NASB) – ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and *authority* over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.



Ephesians 1:22-23 (AMP) – ²² And He put all things [in every realm] in subjection under Christ's feet, and appointed Him as [supreme and authoritative] head over all things in the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills *and* completes all things in all [believers].

John 15:1-11

Verse 1

John 15:1 (NASB) – ¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Question: What is a Vinedresser?

Answer: A caretaker of grapevines.



- Responsible for Pruning.
- Responsible for Cultivating.
- Responsible for Nurturing.

Verse 2

John 15:2 (NASB) – ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

Branches = The Believers

Pruning Tools



Why Is Pruning Needed?

- Growth Management.
- Increase Fruit Quality.
- Maintain Overall Health.
- Removes the dead and tangled wood.
- Improves Airflow which prevents diseases.

Understanding: Father ALWAYS needs more fruit. **Fruit = Love, G-d = Love!** He won't stop till we love how He loves, and won't end till we enter the Kingdom.

Pruning For the Believer

John 16:33 (AMP) –³³ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation *and* distress *and* suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]



Verse 3

John 15:3 (NASB) –³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Clean-(Greek)-*katharos*-meaning spotless or purified, refers to salvation or justification.

Pruning versus Cleaning:

Understanding: Father "**prunes**" branches to produce more fruit (**Verse 2**). The "**cleaning**" in **Verse 3** is a separate, foundational work already accomplished by the **Word** alone!

Verse 4-5

John 15:4-5 (NASB) –⁴ Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you remain in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Key: Once you separate from Jesus, you can't bear fruit! Perfect Love is needed to reproduce Love!

Verse 6

John 15:6 (NASB) – ⁶ If anyone does not **remain** in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

KJV-Abide-(Greek)-*meno*-to remain, continue to be present. To endure, to remain as one.



Understanding: Those who do not **abide (or "remain")** in Jesus, become like dead, detached branches.

Verse 7

John 15:7 (NASB) – ⁷ If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Note: Jesus will never go outside His Word to fulfill carnal desires!

1 John 5:14-15 (NASB) – ¹⁴ This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Verses 8-9

John 15:8-9 (NASB) – ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love.

Question: How do we remain in love?

Answer: We abide! We must be purposeful in staying connected to the Lord Jesus and His Word.

Verse 10-11

John 15:10-11 (NASB) – ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy** may be in you, and *that your joy may be made full*.



The End