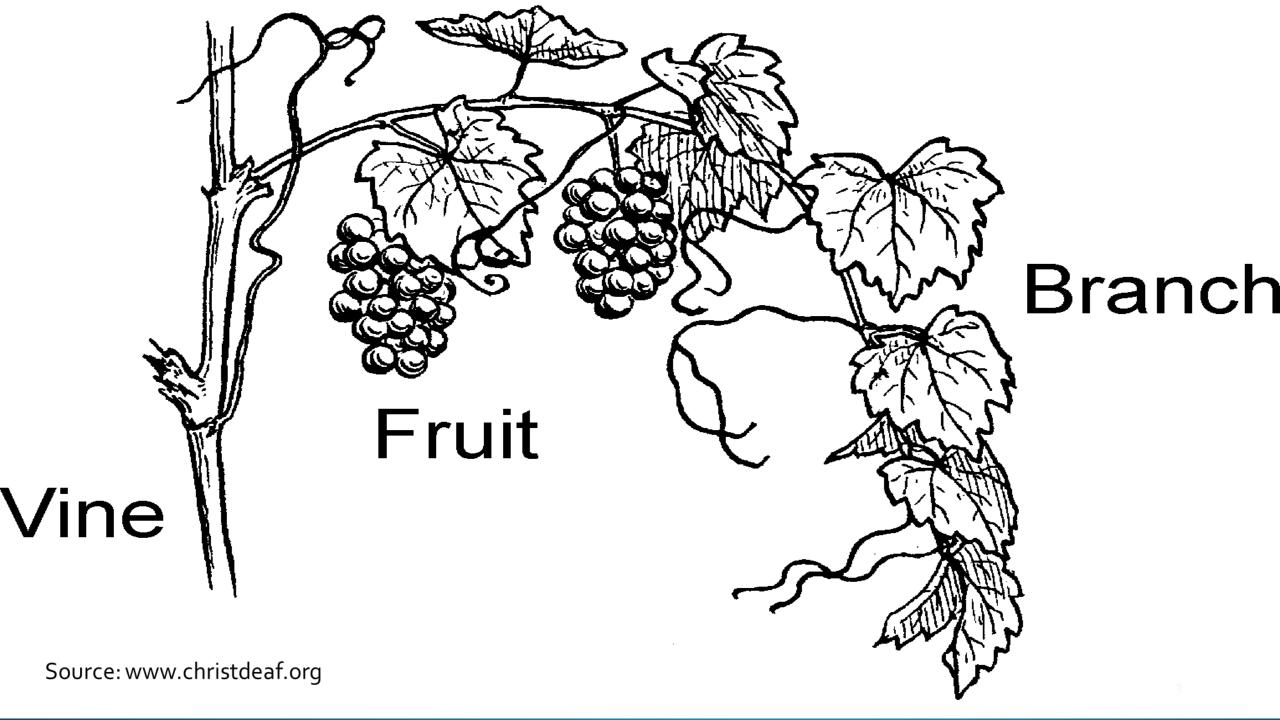


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JOHN 15:1-17

Condition:

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JOHN 15

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- Abide in Christ depend continually on Him
- Christ will abide in us experience His perfect love
- Remain in His love love one another

John 15:9-10

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

To remain in the love of Christ is to keep His Commandments

Flow:

Remaining in Jesus' love is to obey His commands; represented by the specific command

(the new commandment)

- to love one another

John 15:12-13, 17.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends....
These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Matthew 7:12 – The Golden Rule

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Would = desire, wish, love, will

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

John 15:7-8

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another.

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you (set apart), that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

"...however comprehensive the nature of the fruit that Christians bear, the focus on evangelism and mission is truly central. As in John's day, so now: this is simultaneously a mandate to Christ's followers and a summons to those who do not yet know him. That is why the union of love that joins believers with Jesus can never become a comfortable, exclusivistic huddle that only they can share."

D.A. Carson, , *The Gospel According to John*, The Pillar New Testament Commentary, 523-524.

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RELATIONSHIP MATTERS

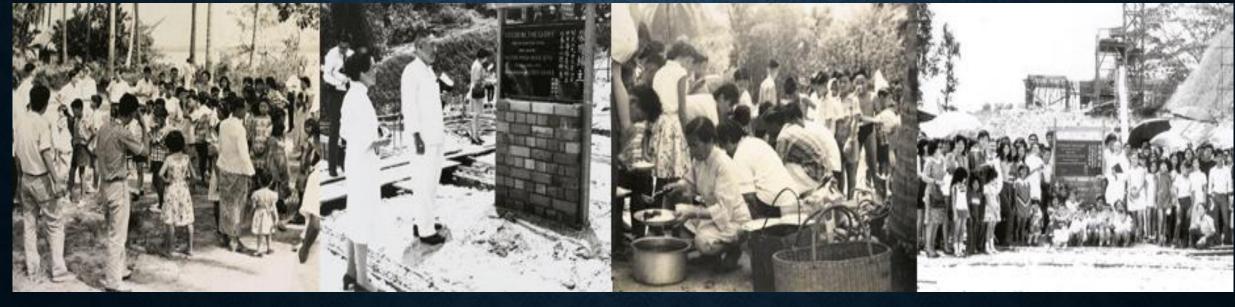
John 15

"Abide in me" (v. 4) – loving God

"love one other" (v. 12) – loving each other

"go and bear fruit" (v. 16) – loving the lost













The fruit of love in Christ John 15:1-17

