

# WE MUST CLING TO THE TRUE VINE

*John 15:1-8*

## I. I AM The True Vine

*Egō eimí* – I AM

*alēthinós* - that which has not only the name and resemblance, but the real nature corresponding to the name, in every respect corresponding to the idea signified by the name, real, true genuine; contrasting realities with their semblances

*Psalm 80:8-11*

*Jeremiah 2:21*

*Isaiah 5:1-7; 27:2-6*

*Ezekiel 7:5-10; 19:10-14*

*Hosea 10:1-2*

*Jeremiah 6:9*

## II. The Gardner

*geōrgos* - one who engages in agriculture or gardening; farmer, gardener

*Matthew 13:11, 24*

*Mark 12:1-2, 12*

## III. The Method of Pruning

*kathairō* - to cause something to become clean; purified by fire; to prune trees of useless vines

*John 13:10-11*

*Ephesians 5:26-27*

*1 Peter 1:22*

*John 13:10; 17:17*

*Philippians 1:6, 2:13*

*1 John 1:9*

*Hebrews 12:3-11; 13:20-21*

*Romans 1:13*

*John 4:34-38*

*Romans 6:20-23*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

*Colossians 1:9-12*

*Matthew 13:23*

#### IV. The Branch Must Remain Connected to the Vine to Produce

*Romans 8:1-8*

*John 15:10; 17:16-17*

*Psalms 119:11, 105*

*Philippians 3:7-11*

#### V. Much Fruit or Nothing

*Philippians 4:10-13*

#### VI. Useless Branches Burned

*Ezekiel 15:1-8*

*Jeremiah 5:9-14*

#### VII. Effective Prayer

*John 14:12-14*

*1 John 5:14-15*

## VIII. True Disciples Glorify God

*Matthew 13:23*

*John 17:1-8, 16-26*

**Closing Thought:** Jesus is the true Vine, accomplishing what Israel did not. By perfect obedience in life and death, He is our source to bring God glory as we abide in Him. Fruitlessness not only threatens fire, but more importantly, robs God of the glory that is rightly His.