“The True Vine and His Fruitful Branches”

*John 15:1–17*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*You can do nothing apart from Christ, and so you must live each day in vital union with him.*

**Introduction: A Prayer for the Vine**

Key References—Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1–7

**Life and Love in the Vine**

Key References—Jeremiah 2:21; Galatians 6:16; John 5:30

**Abide and Bear Fruit Or Be Cut Off and Burn**

Key References—Isaiah 27:2–3; Ezekiel 15:6; John 6:37–40; 10:28–29; 1 John 2:19

**Two Questions**

*1. What is abiding?* (Key Reference—John 8:31)

*2. What is the fruit?*

**Five Principles for Abiding and Bearing Fruit**

*1. You abide in Christ when Christ’s words abide in you.* (Key Reference—James 1:22; 2:18)

*2. Bearing fruit is the sign of abiding.*

*3. Fruit grows from faith in Christ and gives God glory.* (Key Reference—Galatians 2:20; 6:14)

*4. Bearing fruit requires pruning.* (Key Reference—Hebrews 12:5–7, 11)

*5. Fruit grows by the power of prayer.*

**Conclusion: Living in the Fullness of Christ’s Joy**

Key Reference—John 4:34