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# [**John 15:1-27**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.1-27)**– Jesus is the Vine**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-1.htm)“I am the true **vine**, and My Father is the **vinedresser**. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-2.htm)“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. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-3.htm)“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-4.htm)“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the **branch** cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the **vine**, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-5.htm)“I am the **vine**, you are the **branches**; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-6.htm)“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a **branch** and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-7.htm)“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-8.htm)“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-9.htm)“Just as the Father has **loved** Me, I have also **loved** you; abide in My **love**. [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-10.htm)“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My **love**; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His **love**. [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-11.htm)“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

[**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-12.htm)“This is My commandment, that you **love** one another, just as I have **loved** you. [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-13.htm)“Greater **love** has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his **friends**. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-14.htm)“You are My **friends** if you do what I command you. [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-15.htm)“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you **friends**, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-16.htm)“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-17.htm)“This I command you, that you **love** one another.

[**18**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-18.htm)“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-19.htm)“If you were of the world, the world would **love** its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-20.htm)“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-21.htm)“But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-22.htm)“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-23.htm)“He who hates Me hates My Father also. [**24**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-24.htm)“If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-25.htm)“But *they have done this* to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’ [**26**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-26.htm)“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, [**27**](http://biblehub.com/john/15-27.htm)and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

**Interesting Words**

##### ****vine****

(ἄμπελος – Greek) – ampelos [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/288.htm) *vine, grape-vine*, Jesus Christ, “the true *vine*“, also used symbolically of Christless Judaism and apostate Christianity, i.e. the (external) *religious body* of people which merely *pretends* to bear fruit but is in fact *fruitless* – [Jer 2:21](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Jer%202.21) (LXX); [James 3:12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/James%203.12);

##### ****vinedresser****

(γεωργός – Greek) – geórgos [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/1092.htm) husbandman, vinedresser, worker of the soil, farmer, farm-laborer , from “ge” (land) and the base of “ergon” (worker); a land-worker – [Mark 12:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Mark%2012.1), [7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Mark%2012.7), [9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Mark%2012.9); [2Tim 2:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/2%20Tim%202.6);

##### ****branch****

(κλῆμα – Greek) – kléma [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/2814.htm) vine, branch, shoot, twig – [Joel 1:7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Joel%201.7) (LXX); [John 15:2](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.2), [4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.4), [5](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.5);  
  
(צֶמַח – Hebrew) – tsemach [►](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6780.htm) sprout, growth – [Isa 4:2](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Isa%204.2), [11:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Isa%2011.1), [60:21](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Isa%2060.21); [Jer 23:5](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Jer%2023.5), [33:15](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Jer%2033.15);

##### ****love****

(ἀγάπη – Greek) – agapé [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/26.htm) love, benevolence, good will, esteem – [John 3:16](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%203.16); [Rom 5:8](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rom%205.8);

##### ****friend****

(φίλος – Greek) – philos [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/5384.htm) beloved, dear, friendly, friend, an associate, someone *dearly* loved (prized) in a personal, intimate way; a trusted *confidant*, held dear in a close bond of personal affection, The root (*phil-*) conveys *experience-based* love. – [Luke 12:4-5](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2012.4-5); [James 2:23](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/James%202.23), [4:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/James%204.4);

**Cross References**

▪︎ [James 5:7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/James%205.7);  
▪︎ [1John 4:7-8](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20John%204.7-8), [10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1John%204.10)

**Discussion Questions**

Download questions to Word document (click here). Enter your answers, then meet with some friends to discuss. You can also compare your answers to mine for a virtual discussion… to return… back.

###### 1. Consider [John 15:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.1), [4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.4), [5](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2015.5) … What does this tell you about your ministry as a Christian in the world today?

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###### 2. What does [1Cor 12:13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Cor%2012.13) add to the discussion about vines and branches? Also consider [Matt 10:29-31](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%2010.29-31) and [Ps 84:3](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Ps%2084.3).

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###### 3. What is the key to a fruitful ministry as part of the vine?

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###### 4. What are the advantages of this effort?

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###### 5. Jesus brings up a subject that He talked about in [John 13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013). What is that subject and why is it so important?

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###### 6.Jesus declassified our relationship with Him. How does He describe that new aspect? How does it change things?

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###### 7.In the last half of the chapter, Jesus presents several contrasts between Him and us His children (us), and the world. What are they and how do they affect our lives?

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