

**January Sermon Series:**  
**ABIDING IN CHRIST**

**Scripture Lesson**  
**John 15:1-8**

**John 15:1-8 (NKJV), “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 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. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 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.”**

**“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. “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. “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and [so] prove to be My disciples.”**

**The Big Idea: As we grow closer to Jesus, our lives will reflect Him more clearly.**

**Lesson Two:**  
**Jesus, the Key to Fruitful  
Living**

**I. Jesus is the True  
Vine.**

**Isaiah 5:1-7, Let me sing now for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; then He expected it to produce good grapes, but it produced only worthless ones. "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?**



**Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones? So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground. I will lay it waste; it will not be pruned or hoed, but briars and thorns will come up. I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it." For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

**II. Jesus is the Only  
Source of Spiritual Life  
and Nourishment.**

**Galatians 2:20, I have  
been crucified with Christ; it is no  
longer I who live, but Christ lives in  
me; and the life which I now live in  
the flesh I live by faith in the Son of  
God, who loved me and gave  
Himself for me.**

**Colossians 1:16-17, For by Him all things were created, in heaven and in earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**John 7:37-39, On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”**

**III. Jesus is Committed  
to Producing His Fruit  
In Our Lives.**

**John 15:4-5, Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the Vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”**

**Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**



**“Roots Before Fruit.”**

**Colossians 2:6-8, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.**

# **Three Truths About Bearing Fruit:**

- **Remain in the Vine**
- **Embrace the Pruning**
  - **Expect a Harvest**

**IV. We Live Fruitful  
Lives by Abiding in  
Jesus.**

**“How Christ-filled Are  
You?”**

**Ephesians 3:19, And to  
know the love of Christ,  
which passes knowledge,  
that ye might be filled with  
all the fulness of God.**

**“How Christ-filled Are  
You?”**



**“Start with Jesus, Stay with  
Jesus, End with Jesus!”**