

## THE TRUE VINE

JOHN 15:1-11

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” John 15:1*

### Where the branch splits

*“Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.” John 15:2-3*

#### by the fruit, or lack thereof

*“If anyone does not **remain** in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire and they are burned.” John 15:6*

**ménō** (verb) = remain, continue, stay steadfast, persist, wait, endure

**moné** (noun) = permanent dwelling place, room (c.f., John 14:2,23)

*I planted you, a choice vine from the very best seed. How then could you turn into a degenerate, foreign vine? Jeremiah 2:21*

#### from the heart

*“...Humans do not see what the LORD sees, for humans see what is visible, but the LORD sees the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

*Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside of it may also become clean. Matthew 23:26*

### The fruitful branch

*“**Remain** in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it **remains** on the vine, neither can you unless you **remain** in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who **remains** in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.” John 15:4-5*

#### by pruning

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

#### in community

*...let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other... Hebrews 10:24-25*

*“If you **remain** in me and my words **remain** in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.” John 15:7-8*

### The life-giving Vine

*“As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. **Remain** in my love. If you keep my commands you will **remain** in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and **remain** in his love.” John 15:9-10*

#### by love for love

*...This is how we know we are in him: The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked. ..This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 2:5-6, 3:16*

*“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35*

*“I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” John 15:11*