



## **Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 48**

**Message:** “Remain In Jesus”

**Text:** John 15:1-17

**Date:** 01/22/2023

- ★ John’s purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)

### **John 14:31b**

- Where’d they go? Possibly to the Temple as Jesus taught and prayed (John 15-17) before they left for the Garden of Gethsemane (John 18:1)

### **John 15:1-17**

- (v1) “I am” - links to Exodus 3:14
- (v1) “the *true* vine”
  - Israel used to be referred to as the vine (examples: Isaiah 5:7; Hosea 10:1; Jeremiah 2:21)
  - Jesus is now the true vine. Where Israel failed, He would not!
- (v1) “the gardener” - Kings in the ancient world were often referred to as gardeners
- (v5) followers of Jesus are the “branches”
- “Remain” or “Abide” = to continue in a certain state, condition or activity
- (v12; v17) - notice this is the same command (to love each other!)

### **Takeaways:**

- Remain in Jesus
- Acknowledge our complete dependence on Jesus

# - Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. Look back over John chapters 13 through 15. What words are used numerous times? These are the main themes throughout these chapters. Some include loving Jesus, loving others, and obedience to Jesus. What does obedience to Jesus look like practically and what should our motivation be?
2. The phrase “Remain in” is used 25 times in the New Testament. Out of those 25 times, John uses it 19 times in his gospel and letters. Let’s compare how John uses this phrase outside of John 15 to see what we notice...
  - a. READ John 6:56. Jesus uses a metaphor here for continual belief.
  - b. READ John 17:11. This is the one instance from John about location.
  - c. READ 1 John 2:18-27. What does John say should remain in believers (v24)? How will believers remain in the Son and in the Father? Who is the “anointing” that “remains in you” (v20, 27; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)?
  - d. READ 1 John 3:9-10. This is debatable, but scholars suggest that God’s “seed” is John’s teaching that had been passed on to believers - a teaching that protects them from sin by teaching them what’s right and wrong. How does verse 10 connect with John 15:12-17?
  - e. READ 1 John 3:11-18. If we don’t remain in Jesus, what do we remain in? How do these verses also parallel John 15:9-17?
  - f. READ John 15:4-10. Discuss the fact that Judas didn’t remain in Jesus and what his choice led to. How would the command to “remain in me” have resonated with the disciples who just heard that Jesus is leaving them?
3. WATCH “The Vinedresser (John 15)” by Capilla Calvario Napa on YouTube (20 minutes)
  - a. What insights/reflections do you have for John 15?
  - b. How does John 12:44-46 relate to John 15:1-4?

## Recommended Resources

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- “Overview: John 13-21” by Bible Project, search on YouTube