

## THIRTY SEVENTH STUDY

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### DISCOURSES ALONG THE WAY

#### THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES (John 15:1-17)

Jesus again speaks of the vital relationship that would exist between Him and His disciples.

1. (a) Who is the vine? (John 15:1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Who is the husbandman? (John 15:1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Who are the branches? (John 15:2) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the two kinds of branches (John 15:2)  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is our condition for fruit bearing? (John 15:4,5) \_\_\_\_\_

The secret of spiritual success was and is, simply, that we abide (rest; remain quietly) in Him, in which to draw from Him vitality which was His and which will always be present in us.

4. Again, Jesus would remind them of the necessity of something in verses 9-14. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_

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If they would keep His and the Father's Commandments, and abide constantly in Him, they could ask what they would and it would be done for them. This meant they would abide in the Father's love and the Joy of Christ would be full in them. He also reminded them that they had not chosen Him, but He had chosen them, and thus the responsibility would be His.

## WHY THE WORLD HATES TRUE BELIEVERS

(John 15:18-16:6)

Jesus warned the disciples plainly that a state of hostility existed between them and the world; because the world hated Him, those of the world would hate them. The rejection of Jesus was not merely political or the desire to preserve old and great traditions. It was born of intense hatred against Him because He and His teachings cut right across their selfish sinfulness. So it follows that if the world hated Jesus, it will also hate us as His followers.

1. What was prophesied in Psalms 35:19 in the Prophecies of the Messiah, and fulfilled in John 15:24,25? \_\_\_\_\_

This hatred would result in His disciples being cast out of the synagogue and even being killed by their enemies. He warned them faithfully, in advance, so that they would not be surprised when it came to pass. Also, He promised they would receive the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who would join them in bearing witness of Himself.

2. Who is this Comforter? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does it mean to you that you have the Comforter always with you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did Jesus say the Holy Ghost would do in John 14:26? \_\_\_\_\_

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