



Outline - Sunday, March 19, 2017

Sermon Title: "I Am The True Vine" "My Father Is The Vine Dresser"

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-10

1. **The True Vine is Christ** - not Israel
 - a. A refutation of national Israel as the true Vine - Is 5:1,7/Ezek 15:1-8
 - b. Christ is the real fruitful vine - Ps 80:14-19
 - c. (You) the branches are completely dependent on (HIM): John 15:2a/Rom 11:16-17/ Phil 4:13
2. **The goal and objective of the parable is four-fold:** John 15:6, 3
 - a. To keep the apostles from falling away vs 3 - prophetic - John 17:11-12 - (kept)
 - b. To assure their being productive in the gospel for the glory of God the Father vs 8
 - c. To expose Judas Escariot as the model hypocrite - an *indirect* insight to imposters....
3. **The critical warning of our parable** is summed up in verse John 15:4-5
 - a. (ABIDE - 10 times) The one imperative/mandate - believer's responsibility!
 - b. "Without me - you can do nothing" Phil 4:13
 - c. Nothing - is *unacceptable* - with the Father - vs 2a
 - d. Dead - and fruitless is an indictment against the Vine - And the Dresser - Is 5:4
 - e. Christ must be the believers real and visible life - Gal 2:20/Phil 2:13
4. **The intimate and *effectual work* is done** by the Father - John 15:1b/Is 61:5
 - a. He Prunes, purifies, cleanses - Heb 12: 9-10
 - b. He Lifts up - John 11:41-12:32
 - c. He Takes away - who? (the) non/responsive professor - Is 5:2-6/Luke 13:9/Heb 12:7
5. **The aim is to be a Fruit bearing believer:** - John 15:8, 2
 - a. Fruit / More Fruit/ Much Fruit/Remaining Fruit - vs John 15:16, 8x
 - b. Spiritual Fruit/Character - (Inward) - Rom 7:4/Gal 5:22-23
 - c. Devotional Fruit/Communion - (Upward) - Heb 13:15-16
 - d. Evangelical Fruit - the lost - (Outward) - Rom 1:13/Col 1:6
 - e. Service oriented fruit - Rom 15:28/Phil 1:22