

Sermon Notes

"I am the Vine, ye are the branches."

From the bulletin on October 1, 1961 - The Five Nave Windows have as their theme five of the teachings of Jesus and symbolically present these teachings. They are rich in their simplicity, yet are profound and will yield new meanings to further study and meditation.

John 15:1-2 - **"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.** ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

What things in your life does God need to prune so that you can bear more fruit?

John 15:4 - ⁴**Abide in me as I abide in you.** Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

To abide means to persevere, continue, last, remain, stay with it.

John 15:5-8 - ⁵**I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.**

What are the fruits of the vine?

Faith, Hope, Charity

I Corinthians 13:13 - ¹³And now **faith, hope, and love** abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

What happens when we forget our purpose?

John 15:6-8 - ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15:9-11 - ⁹**As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.** ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Koinonia means mutual care for one another, building one another up in love, communion by intimate participation.

John 15:12-15 - ¹²**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** ¹³**No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.** ¹⁴**You are my friends** if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

John 15:16-17 - ¹⁶**You did not choose me but I chose you.** And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Jesus chose you.

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____

