

## **"I am the Vine"** **John 15:1-8**

In the Old Testament the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ was described as God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 80:8-9, Isa 5:7). They turned out to be a \_\_\_\_\_ vine.

As the true vine, \_\_\_\_\_ brought forth the good fruit God expected of His vine. Jesus desires to produce good \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

There are 3 steps in the process of becoming a fruitful Christian.

### **1. When We Trust in Jesus, We \_\_\_\_\_ to the Vine. 15:5**

You got connected to Jesus when you \_\_\_\_\_ in Him (John 20:31). Jesus warns us about those who appear to be \_\_\_\_\_ but are not really connected to the vine. The point is - if you never bear any \_\_\_\_\_ fruit, that's a sign you don't know Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 7:17, 20).

### **2. When We Remain in the Vine, We \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit. 15:4**

The word "remain" means to \_\_\_\_\_ in fellowship with Jesus. Some people claim to have a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus but never produce any good fruit because they don't remain in \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

The Bible explains that our fellowship with God is broken by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn 1:6-7). When we live in sin, we \_\_\_\_\_ that intimate fellowship with God. When we drift away from God, we must \_\_\_\_\_ our sin and get back in fellowship with Him (1 Jn 1:8-9).

Once we start producing fruit, God will \_\_\_\_\_ us so that we will produce even more fruit (John 15:1-2).

### **3. When We Bear Fruit, We \_\_\_\_\_ God. 15:8**

God is glorified, not just by the \_\_\_\_\_ of bad fruit, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of good fruit.

- A. The Fruit of \_\_\_\_\_. Gal 5:22-23
- B. The Fruit of \_\_\_\_\_. Phil 1:11, Col 1:10
- C. The fruit of \_\_\_\_\_. Pro 11:30, Rom 1:13

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Prune Conduct Lose Branches Vine Presence Jesus Converts Live  
Absence Israel Connect Glorify Sin Fruitless Good Fellowship