



"I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valleys."

SHARON

Seeking His Abundance, Receiving Our Nourishment



John Lesson Seventeen

Read John chapter fifteen.

1. Identify the following:

- a. The true vine
- b. The vinedresser (gardener)
- c. The branches

2. What does the gardener do with the branches that (See also Jude 4, 12, 13; Matthew 3:10.)

- a. Do not bear fruit?
- b. Do bear fruit?

3. What does the phrase "every branch *in Me*" indicate? (See also Matt. 13:41, 42, 47-50.)

4. What does it mean to "abide" in Christ? (See also 1 John 3:23, 24; 4:15.)

5. Who does Jesus say is "clean" and why are they clean?

6. What is the "fruit" that the branches should bear? (See also Galatians 5:22,23; 2 Peter 1:5-8.)

7. What are the results for the branches that:

Abide in the vine	Do not abide in the vine

8. Which verses indicate that abiding in Christ produces:

<p>a. Effectual prayer</p> <p>b. Perpetual fruit</p> <p>c. Celestial joy</p>
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9. What are the three degrees of fruit bearing?

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10. Compare the relationship which Jesus has with the Father with the relationship that we believers have with Jesus Christ.

Jesus with the Father	Jesus with believers

11. What is the greatest love that one can give?

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12. How has the relationship of Jesus and His disciples now changed?

<p>Once they were His _____. Now they are His _____.</p>
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13. How is this new relationship different from the previous one?

14. How did Jesus' disciples come to be His disciples?

15. For what purpose does Jesus choose those who will follow Him?

16. What is Jesus' commandment? How many times has He given it to them? Which verses?

17. Why does "the world" hate Christians?

18.

If the world hates Christians, the world hated _____ before them.

If the world hates Jesus, the world also hates _____.

19. Why did those living in Jesus' area and era have no excuse to hate Him?

20. David, too, was hated "without a cause" (Psalm 69:4 and Psalm 109:2-5). David said that those who hated him, he had loved. How did David react to the hatred which he received? These verses in Psalms were written by David about his own life, but they are also prophecies concerning Jesus Christ and Jesus said in verse 25 that they were fulfilled in Him.

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