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I AM

the bread of life

the light of the world

the door of the sheep

the good shepherd

the way, the truth, and the life

the resurrection and the life

the true vine

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Big Idea: In order to bear fruit for God’s glory we must abide in the Vine — Christ.

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- **The Gardener**
- **The True Vine**
- **The Branches**

The Gardener

- The Gardener works sovereignly and intricately with the Vine.
- Establishes the Son as the Vine that will produce fruit for His glory.
- Removes dead branches.
- Prunes living branches so that they produce more fruit.

The Vine

- The True Vine: Fulfills Israel's role as the means by which God's blessing will fill the whole Earth.
- Israel (and Adam) failed to cause God's world to flourish. Jesus as the true vine establishes a new creation in which God will bless the whole earth through Him.

The True (and Better)

- True Light - John 1:9
- True Bread - John 6:32
- True Vine - John 15:1
- True God - John 17:3

The Branches

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2. Two Kinds of “Branches”...?
3. What are the Results of Abiding in Christ?
4. How Can We Abide in Christ?

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3. What are the Results of Abiding in Christ?

1. Fruit

2. Assurance

3. Joy

4. God's Glory

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”

– J. Piper

4. How Can We Abide in Christ?

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6. Prayer

Abiding

- “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)
- “But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Luke 5:16)
- “In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:” (Luke 6:12–13 ESV)
- “And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.” (Matthew 14:23 ESV)