

## WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Announcements

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- **WRBA Meeting**, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM, Ghent Baptist Church
- **Passover Seder Service**, Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Whites Run Baptist Church.
- **Good Friday Services**, March 29<sup>th</sup>:
  - First Baptist Church: 12:10 PM
  - Seven Sayings from the Cross, Family Worship Center: 6:30 PM
- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?.** Everyone is invited.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- **New World View class for kids: Sundays, 6:00 PM.** Help kids learn the truth of Jesus Christ to understand the world and live faithfully in it.

### The True Vine; John 15:1-17.

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**Today's Point:** Disciples of Jesus can dwell in His presence by the power of the Holy Spirit, obedience, prayer, fellowship, and the Word of God.

### Revelation - The position of Jesus as the true vine.

- The final "I am" metaphor used by Jesus. See John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1.
- This calls to mind the Old Testament images of Israel is the vine or vineyard of God; Psalm 80; Hosea 10, 14:7; Joel 1:7, 1:12; Jeremiah 2:21, 6:9, 8:13; Ezekiel 17:1-10; and Compare Isaiah 5:1-7 with Matthew 21:33-46.

### Comfort - That there's going to be a continuation of their relationship.

- The relationship with the disciples would continue as one of abiding, dwelling, remaining, residing, in Him. In John 15:1-17, this word appears 11 times! See also John 17:20-23, 1:32-33, 1:38-39, 2:12, 4:40.
- This strong relationship is going to be powered by the Holy Spirit. See John 14:15-27, 15:26, 16:7-15. Note the progression of John 14:10, 17, 23.

### Preparation - What to expect in His absence.

- Pruning - the vinedresser removes parts of the branches that are not fruitful. The process leaves the branch more fruitful. John 15:2, 15:18-16:4; Matthew 13:12; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-8; Romans 5:3-5.
- Falling away - the vinedresser removes unfruitful branches from the vine. John 15:2, 15:6, 16:1-4; Matthew 24:10; Hebrews 3:12.

### Instruction - How to bear fruit in His absence.

- By the power of the Holy Spirit. See previous point, John 14:15-27, 15:26, 16:7-15.
- In obedience: John 15:10, 14:15, 14:23. A three-fold emphasis on obedience to Christ.
- In prayer: John 15:7, 14:13-14, 16:23-27. A three-fold emphasis on asking and the promise to provide.
- In fellowship: John 15:12, 13:34-35, 17:20-21. A three-fold emphasis on loving one another.
- In the Word of God: John 15:3, 15:7, 14:23-24, 17:6, 17:8, 17:14, 17:17, 17:20, 12:48.

### Encouragements

- Obey the commands of Jesus. The first of which is to repent and believe the Gospel. (Mark 1:15)
- Be purposeful about dwelling in the presence of Jesus Christ. (John 15:4)

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