

**THE CHURCH – PART II**  
**“The Spiritual Vineyard”**  
**John 15:1-13**

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Northern California has vineyards all over the place. Drive through Sonoma and Napa Valley and you can't help noticing how many vineyards there are. In the days of Jesus vineyards were plentiful. The main beverage next to water was wine. One of the metaphors that Jesus used to describe the church is that of a vineyard. The church is to be a fruitful vineyard. In today's teaching, we will see some of the factors involved in becoming fruitful believers attending fruitful churches.

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**#1. A SPIRITUAL VINEYARD – A PICTURE OF THE CHURCH, vv. 1-2**

- A. A vineyard has a gardener – God the Father, v. 1
- B. A vineyard has a vine – Jesus, v. 1, 5
- C. A vineyard has branches – believers, v. 2, 5
- D. A vineyard exists to grow grapes – fruitfulness v. 2

**#2. A SPIRITUAL VINEYARD REQUIRES SKILLFUL \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**vv. 2-3**

- A. The gardener cuts off fruitless branches, v. 2
- B. The gardener prunes fruitful branches, v. 2
- C. The word of God is the pruning sheer, v. 3

**#3. A SPIRITUAL VINEYARD REQUIRES THE BRANCHES BEING \_\_\_\_\_**  
**BY THE VINE, vv. 4-6**

- A. If we remain in Jesus he will remain in us, v. 4
- B. If we remain in Jesus we will bear fruit – a certainty, v. 5
- C. If we don't remain in Jesus we will not be useful, v. 6

**#4. A SPIRITUAL VINEYARD PRODUCES FRUIT THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**vv. 7-8**

- A. If we remain in Jesus & his words prayer possibilities open for us, v. 7
- B. If we pray according to Jesus' words he will give us what we ask, v. 7
- C. If we bear fruit we glorify God, v. 8, 16
- D. If we bear fruit we validate our relationship with Jesus, v. 8

**#5. A SPIRITUAL VINEYARD PRODUCES FRUIT THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**vv. 9-13**

- A. We must remain in Jesus' love, v. 9
- B. We have Jesus' love magnified by our obedience, v. 10
- C. We have Jesus' joy magnified by our obedience, v. 11
- D. We must produce the greatest fruit – love, vv. 12-13

**NOTES:**

ANSWERS: Pruning, Nourished, Prayer, Obedience.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Read Isaiah 5:1-7 and discuss how this relates to John 15.
  - #2. Discuss the role of the Gardener in growing grapes.
  - #3. Discuss the importance of the Vine in growing grapes.
  - #4. Discuss the role of the God as the pruner of the branches
  - #5. In what way(s) is the word of God a pruning shear.
  - #6. What does it mean to remain in Jesus?
  - #7. Why is it impossible to bear fruit independent of Jesus – being connected to the Vine?
  - #8. What is the condition to Jesus giving us whatever we ask? (vv. 7-8)
  - #9. Discuss how obedience bears fruit in a believer's life. (vv. 9-13)
  - #10. Why is love the greatest fruit believers can produce?
  - #11. Why is God glorified when disciples of Christ bear fruit? (vv. 8 & 16)
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# ***Welcome*** ***To*** ***Hillcrest Church!***

## ***GIVING GOD OUR BEST – 2021!***

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOIN US ONLINE FOR**

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday Prayer at 6:30. <sup>[11]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>Click the “online meeting room” on the website: Hillcrestroseville.com

### **YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**Every** Saturday at 10:00, arrive early so we can start on time.

### **HELP WITH MEDIA**

If you would like to help with the sound system and/or media please let Aaron, Johanna, or DJ know so you can be trained.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

### **WORSHIP PRACTICE IS AT 7PM EVERY FRIDAY**

### **NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> SETUP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

After church stay and help decorate the facility for Christmas

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 19TH**

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE – The SHOE BOX MINISTRY**

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/> To find dropoff locations click the link.