

John 15

John 14-17 about entering into the **Love** environment in the Trinity

Jesus (Cross) made a Dwelling Place for us in the Father (Jn 14:2)

Jesus/Father (indwelling Holy Spirit) made a Dwelling Place for Them in us (Jn 14:23)

Greater Works of the Father (Jn 14:12) follow Abiding in the Dwelling Place

- 1-6** ¹ Vine - Jesus (Life), branches - us, Vinedresser - Father
² two types of branches in Him
not bearing fruit - taken away/lifted up bearing fruit - pruned/cleansed
³ **Word** cleanses - same root as pruned (Jn 13:10 foot washing, **Eph 5:26**)
ongoing work of His **Word** in us
⁴⁻⁵ Abide in Him, Him in us (same root Jn 14:2, 23) - nothing or much fruit
He is always at work in us to make us Fruitful (**vs 8**)
Fruitful & Multiply (spiritual) - Adam, Noah, Israel (Gen 1:28, 9:1, 35:11)
He does the work - we work with Him by Abiding, not for Him with our ideas
all work must come from Abiding in the Dwelling Place/Him (Ps 127:1)
⁶ third type of branch - not in Him (cast outside and burned)
not what you do, Who you know (**Mt 7:21-23**)
- 7-10** How do we Abide in Him? (context: He's leaving - Presence not required)
⁷ His cleansing **Word in us**
⁹ revelation of His **Love** - intentional awareness
¹⁰ **Obedience** - Jesus' example (Jn 14:31)
Love obeys (Jn 14:15, 21), **Obedience** keeps us in His **Love** (compromise - dullness)
- 11** His motive is our Joy
- 12-17** ¹² One commandment - **Love** (Jn 13:34) - intentional awareness, intentional **Love**
¹³ His example of **Love** is Sacrificial
¹⁴⁻¹⁵ **Obedience** makes us Friends (vs servants), qualify for inside information
¹⁶ He Chooses Friends to Appoint them for Eternal Fruit
¹⁷ all about being motivated by **Love**
- 18-21** Appointed to **Love** in environment of hatred and persecution
(**1Pe 4:12-13**) ¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.
perspective on verse 11 - supernatural Joy
- 22-25** sin - rejecting Testimony of Jesus: Word and Works of the Father
everyone is responsible for what they do with the Testimony of Jesus
- 26-27** Holy Spirit continues the Testimony of Jesus through us