

SUMMERING

and Glory:

*Jesus Christ's Procession
to the Cross*



John 13:1 to 21:25

The Secret of the Christian Life

Jesus masterful analogy

John 15:1-4

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

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The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

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I AM the bread of life.

John 6:35: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:48: "I am the bread of life."



The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

I AM the light of the world.

John 8:12: When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 9:5: While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

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I AM the door.

John 10:7: Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep."



The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

I AM the good shepherd.

John 10:11-14: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep because he is a hireling. I am the good shepherd. I know me..."

The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

I AM the resurrection and the life.

John 11:25: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

I AM the way, the truth and the life.

John 14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

I AM the true vine.

John 15:1, 5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

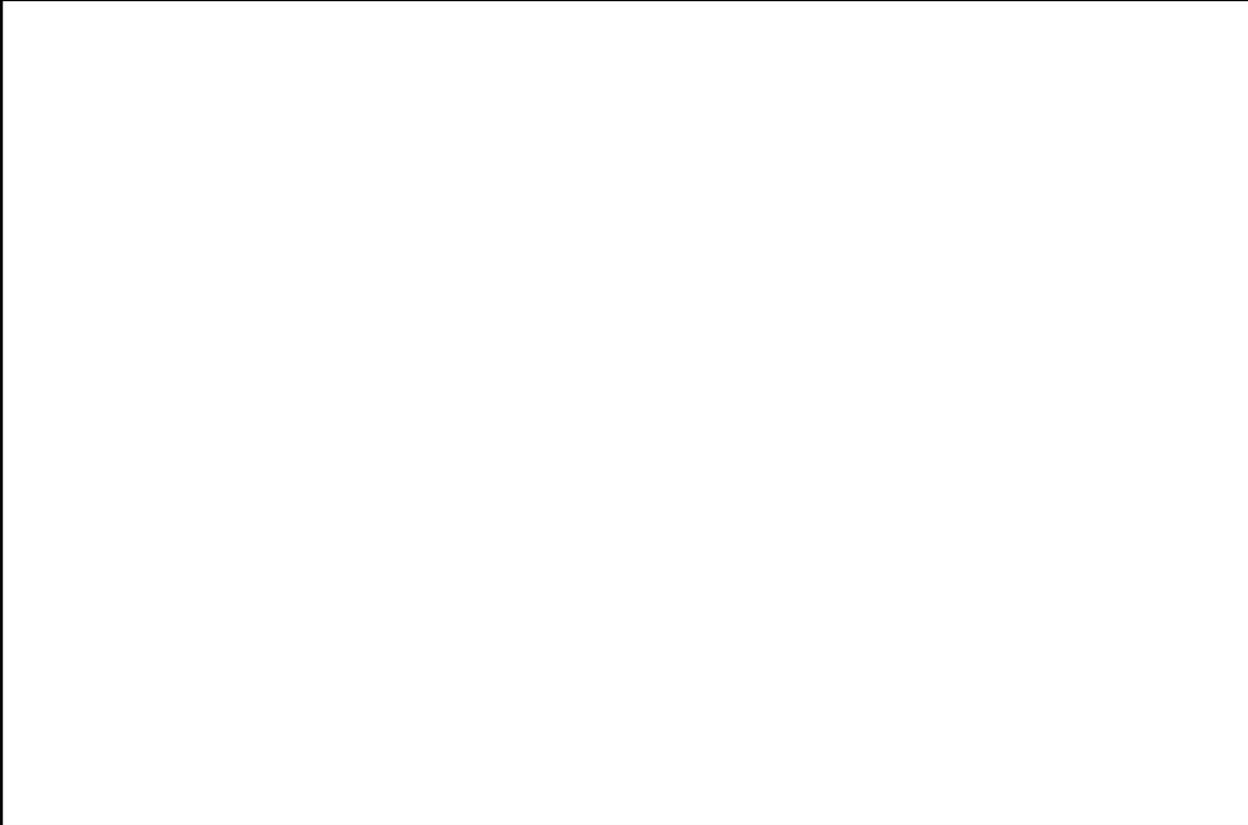
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The Secret of the Christian Life:

I am the true vine...

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The concept of 'vineyard' from the OT

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more

could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

The concept of 'vineyard' from the OT

Isaiah 5:1-7

⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” ⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Secret of the Christian Life:

My Father is the gardener...

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Who are we in the analogy?

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⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can

do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

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VINE --> Jesus

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BRANCHES --> Us

FRUIT --> Result of remaining in the Vine!

The Secret of the Christian Life:

The point of the whole analogy

John 15:8

⁸This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.



The Secret of the Christian Life:

What's love got to do with it?

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

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John 15:9-17

¹³“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.”

*Are you a
sap sucker?*

Philippians 3:7-14

⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.