

BIBLE LESSONS ON JOHN

JOHN 15

Read John 15:1-8

There are seven key "I AM" statements in the Book of John. The Name, "I AM", stresses the DEITY of Christ. Back in Exodus 3:14-15, God told Moses that His Name forever is "I AM THAT I AM". When Jesus said, "I AM", the Jews immediately understood His claim to be God. However, not believing it, they considered it to be blasphemy (cf. John 10:33). John begins his Gospel by stating that Jesus is God (1:1). The main body of the book repeatedly makes this emphasis, and the climax of the book presents doubting Thomas confessing Jesus as "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). A main theme in John is the DEITY OF CHRIST.

- 1) **I am** the Bread of Life – 6:35
- 2) **I am** the Light of the World – 8:12
- 3) **I am** the Door – 10:7, 9
- 4) **I am** the Good Shepherd – 10:11, 14
- 5) **I am** the Resurrection and the Life – 11:25
- 6) **I am** the Way, the Truth, and the Life – 14:6
- 7) **I am** the True Vine – 15:1, 5

What, according to verse three, makes us clean? _____.

In verse four, what is the key to fruit bearing? _____.

Verse five tells us that without Christ we can do _____.

According to verse eight, in what is the Father glorified? _____.

Read John 15:9-17

How, according to verse ten, does one abide in Christ's love? _____

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Why did Christ say these things, according to verse 11? _____.

What is Christ's command in verse 12? _____

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What is the greatest demonstration of love, as seen in verse 13? _____

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In verse 14, what defines those who are Christ's friends? _____.

Why did Christ choose the disciples, according to verse 16?

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Read John 15:18-25

In verse 18, what was the response of the world to Christ? _____.

According to verse 19, what is the response of the world toward those who belong to Christ? _____.

According to verse 20, what kind of treatment should the believer expect from the world? _____.

Why, according to verse 21, does the world mistreat Christ's followers? _____.

Why, according to verse 25, did they hate Christ? _____.

Read John 15:26-27

According to verse 26, when the Spirit of Truth comes, what would He do? _____.

Why, according to verse 27, would the disciples also be Christ's special witnesses? _____.

Key Lessons from John 15

1. Without a relationship with Christ, we can do NOTHING of lasting value. Without Christ, we can bear no spiritual fruit.
2. The key to bearing spiritual fruit is abiding in Christ. To abide in Christ is to maintain a close walk with Him.
3. God is glorified in lives that bear MUCH spiritual fruit.
4. Love for Christ is demonstrated in obedience.
5. The world hates Christ and His people.
6. The Spirit testifies of Christ.

Are you connected to Christ in a faith relationship? _____

Is your life bearing much fruit as seen in obedience to Jesus, love for His people, a fervent prayer life, and a willingness to suffer for His Name's sake? _____.

Please turn to the next page to do a SELF-CHECK of your answers. If you have further questions, email them to doswald1@cox.net.

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

What, according to verse three, makes us clean? **The message of Jesus.**

In verse four, what is the key to fruit bearing? **Abiding in Christ.**

Verse five tells us that without Christ we can do **nothing.**

According to verse eight, in what is the Father glorified? **Much fruit.**

How, according to verse ten, does one abide in Christ's love? **By keeping His commandments.**

Why did Christ say these things, according to verse 11? **That His joy may remain in us and that our joy may be full.**

What is Christ's command in verse 12? **To love one another as He loved us.**

What is the greatest demonstration of love, as seen in verse 13? **To lay down your life for someone.**

In verse 14, what defines those who are Christ's friends? **They do what He commands.**

Why did Christ choose the disciples, according to verse 16? **To the end that they should bear fruit in accordance with Christ-centered prayer.**

In verse 18, what was the response of the world to Christ? **Hatred.**

According to verse 19, what is the response of the world toward those who belong to Christ? **Hatred.**

According to verse 20, what kind of treatment should the believer expect from the world? **Persecution.**

Why, according to verse 21, does the world mistreat Christ's followers? **Because the world does not know God the Father.**

Why, according to verse 25, did they hate Christ? **For no legitimate reason and without a cause.**

According to verse 26, when the Spirit of Truth comes, what would He do? **Testify of Christ.**

Why, according to verse 27, would the disciples also be Christ's special witnesses? **Because they were with Him from the beginning.**