



HE IS THE VINE • Part 3

The Fruit of Love

John 15:5, 16-17

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you **remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing.”

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so **that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last**—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: **Love each other.**

Love Born of God

John 3:16-17

¹⁶**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 John 4:7-8

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for **love comes from God**. Everyone who loves has been **born of God and knows God**. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Love that Clearly Corresponds to God and to Christ.

Love that Shapes Everything

Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷Jesus replied: “**‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’**

³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Every Belief, Practice, Interpretation, Plans, and Choices.

Love that Is Like Jesus’

John 13:34-35

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**Submitted to God. Committed to Others.
Forbearing, Confronting, and Sacrificial.
Incarnational and Transformative.**

Love that Is Radical

Matthew 5:43-45a

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Luke 15

Lost Sheep. Lost Coin. Lost Son.

Love that Goes Too Far!

The Enemy, the Undeserving, the Lowly, the Unclean, the Other.

Love that Is Redemptive

Romans 5:8

⁸But **God demonstrates his own love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Colossians 3:13-14

¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** ¹⁴And over all these virtues [compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience] **put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

Love that Persistently Reaches to Renew and Restore.