



1. Introduction

a. Apostle John wrote last gospel in his old age between 90-99 AD
- near in time (same decade)

as writing book of Revelation (Apocalypse) - Rev 9

b. One of several "I AM" phrases in book of John

- "I AM the true vine

c. Purpose of book (~~John 20:31~~)

- Jn 20:31 "written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name

d. Gal 5:22-23 fruit of the Spirit

e. Philp 4:6-7 Be anxious in nothing, but let your requests be known to God in prayer
- God's peace will keep your hearts & minds

f. Mt 5:5 Blessed are the meek

- original meaning is gentle, strength under control

- parents are meek (gentle) with their babies to not frighten them

- gentleness & patience work together for good

2. Jesus is the true vine

a. Christians are the branches

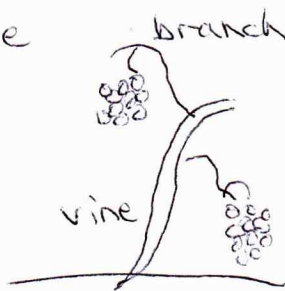
b. God the Father is the vineyard vine master

c. All Christians must abide (remain, stay attached) in the vine

d. The vineyard master prunes the branches to bear more fruit

- Gal 5:22-23 fruit of the Spirit

* love, joy, peace, long patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness



3. Fruit of the Spirit

a. Gal 5:22-23 inner person qualities

- gifts given from God

b. No one outlaws such good inner qualities of character

4. Source of Christian fruit

a. Jesus is the vine

b. Abide in the vine

- without Jesus, Christian cannot do anything

c. Christian is clean because of the Word of God spoken

- spoken by the hearing

- spoken by the eyes in reading

- spoken to the heart by
by meditating (Ps 1:2)