**Chapter 15**

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(1)  I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.

(2)  Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away: and every *branch* that bears fruit, He purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

(3)  Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.

(4)  Live in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it stays in the vine; neither can you, except you stay in Me.

(5)  I am the vine, you *are* the branches: He who stays in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: because without Me you can do nothing.

(6)  If a man does not stay in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

(7)  If you stay in Me, and My words stay in you, you shall ask what you want, and it shall be done to you.

(8)  In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you shall be My disciples.

(9)  As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you: continue in My love.

(10)  If you keep My commandments, you shall stay in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and stay in His love.

(11)  These things have I spoken to you, that My joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

(12)  This is My commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.

(13)  Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

(14) You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you.

(15) From now on I do not call you servants; because the servant does not know what his lord does: but I have called you friends; because all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known to you.

(16)  You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it to you.

(17)  These things I command you, that you love one another.

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