

## Sermon Notes – April 3, 2022

### I AM the True Vine (*John 15:1-11*)

- I. Salvation is DEFINED as union with Christ. (*Psalm 80*)
  - A. A relationship with the Godhead. (*1 Peter 1:1-2*)
    - 1. Pray to the Father. (*Matthew 6*)
    - 2. Trust in the word and work of Christ. (*John 8:31*)
    - 3. Be sensitive to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 8*)
  - B. A change in position.
    - 1. We are new creations in Christ. (*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*)
    - 2. We have been baptized into Christ. (*Romans 6*)
    - 3. We have been made alive in Christ. (*Ephesians 2*)
  
- II. Salvation is PRACTICED by abiding in Christ.
  - A. Abiding is a continuous dependence on the true vine. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)
  - B. Abiding is a persistent pursuit of the true vine. (*Matthew 6:33*)
  - C. Abiding is a continual walk with the true vine. (*Psalm 1*)
  
- III. Salvation is PROVEN through the production of fruit from Christ.
  - A. Fruit is produced by the Holy Spirit. (*Galatians 5:22ff*)
  - B. Fruit is developed within the inner life. (*Philippians 4*)
  - C. Fruit is seen through the witness of the outer life. (*Matthew 13:18-23*)
    - 1. Obedience. (*Vs. 10*)
    - 2. Joy. (*Vs. 11*)
    - 3. Love one another. (*Vs. 12*)
    - 4. Witnessed to and by the world. (*Vss. 16, 27*)