

John 14–15

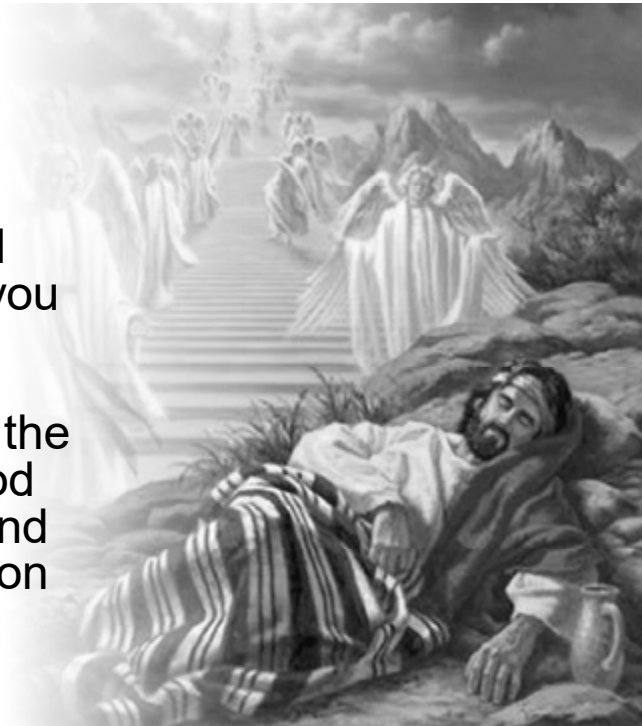


1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

John 1:51

And [Jesus] said to [Nathanael], "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



Acts 4:12

Peter said, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Compare John 14:6.

1 John 5:11-12

“God has given us eternal life, & this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

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John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [revealed] Him.

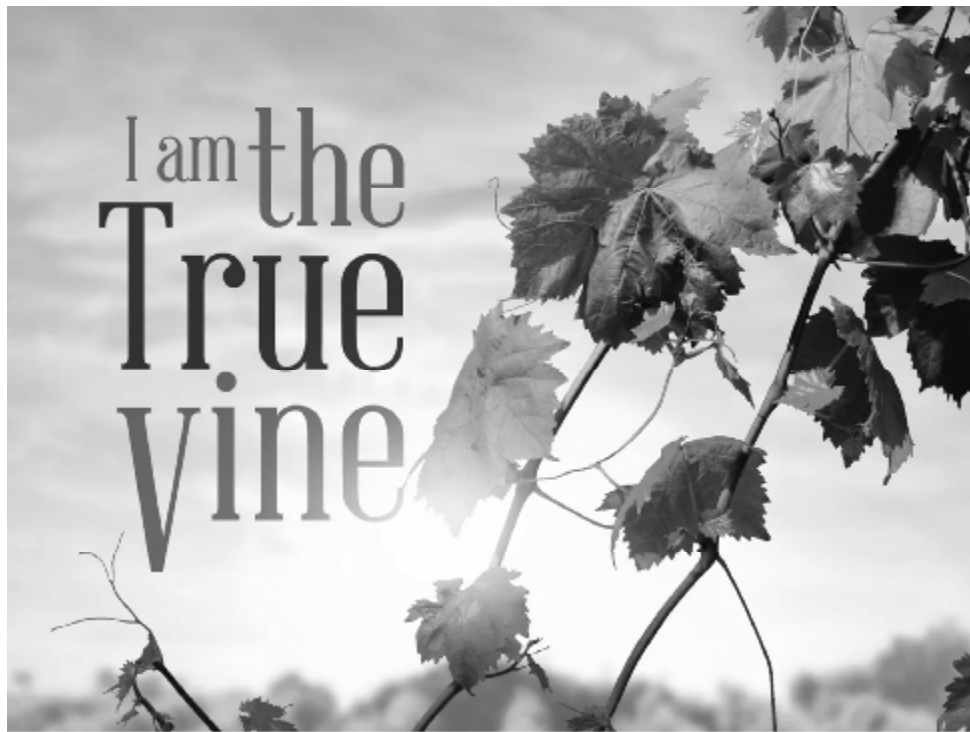
Compare John 14:9.

Magnificent Promises

1. A Place prepared—future in His Presence (14:2-3)
2. Productive life on earth—greater works (14:12; Eph. 2:10)—greater in extent or number
3. Productive prayer (14:13-14)
4. Presence of the Holy Spirit (14:16-17, 26)
5. Peace & freedom from fear (14:27)

“I AM” in John’s Gospel

1. “I am the Bread of Life” (6:35).
2. “I am the Light of the World” (8:12; 9:5).
3. “I am the Gate [Door] for the Sheep” (10:7; cf. v. 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; cf. v. 5).



Changing Symbols

1. Israel in the OT—Vine (Hosea 10:1; Isaiah 5; Jer. 2:21)
2. Israel in the NT—Fig Tree (Mt. 24:32; Luke 13:6)
3. Israel in the Future—Olive Tree (Rom. 11:17, 24; Hosea 14:5-7)

Fruit
(15:2)

More Fruit
(15:2)

Much Fruit
(15:5, 8)

Fruit that
Remains
(15:16)



What is the fruit?

- Matthew 3:8—Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance.
- Proverbs 31:31—Give her of the fruit of her hands & let her own works praise her in the gates
- Matthew 7:16-17—You will know them by their fruits. . . . [E]very good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

What is the fruit?

- Evidence of salvation
- Works that please God
- New believers
- Galatians 5:22-23—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Christian Growth

1. Salvation → Love
1John 4:19—We love Him because He first loved us.
2. Love → Obedience
John 14:15—If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Christian Growth

3. Obedience → Abiding
John 15:10—If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love.
4. Abiding → Bearing Fruit
John 15:5—He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.

Christian Growth

5. Bearing Fruit → Glorifying God
John 15:8—My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.
6. Glorifying God blesses us.
Leads to full joy (15:11) and answered prayer (15:16)

Glorify God

- 1 Cor. 10:31—But whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- 1 Cor. 6:20—You were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13