

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-20 – Hebrews 12:1-13

#2: John 15:1-5

Singing: 251:1-3 – 1:1-2 – 91:1-5 – 187:3-4 – 100:1-4

Jesus reveals that He and His Father are the key to your holy living (2)

I. Refresh: the first key for you to be holy is that you are united to Christ Jesus

A. Jesus revealed this 'union with Him' as a fact (John 15:1, 5)

1. This union with Jesus is fruit of God's sovereign grace (John 6:44-45)

2. When united, you are a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; Col 1:13)

B. The union is through **faith** in Jesus yet found in context of other soul exercises

C. Jesus' intention in His revelation is *comfort and encouragement*

II. The second key to holy living is the Father's ministry in you

A. A vinedresser (owner) is most desirous to see much fruit on a vine

1. So is the Father and therefore He devotes Himself to purge the vine

2. There are three 'cleansings'

a. the purging of the soul (13:10; 15:3)

b. the pruning of barren branches in the vine (2a)

c. the pruning of fruitful branches in the vine (2b)

Reflect & Act

A. Be encouraged: *He will make His vine/branches 'fat and flourishing'* (Ps. 92)

B. Your Father's methods are often not easy yet effective (Hebrews 12:1-13)

Dear children,

Welcome to our church service this morning! Today we will again learn about the Vine and the Branches. Let's see what you remember from last week.

1. Who did Jesus picture with the Vine? _____ and the branches? _____
2. Who is the owner of the Vine and branches? _____
3. What does the owner of a grape vine most desire to see? _____
4. In order to bear fruit, you need to be 'united' or connected to Jesus. Circle the words of all what is involved in becoming like a branch in Jesus.
- Holy Spirit – repent – faith – sermon – Father – be good – parents
5. The Father is the vinedresser who does various things to the branches. What two things did Jesus teach the Father does to the branches?
6. What are the fruits the Father looks for in your life? Write them on the grapes in the picture
7. It is good and well to know about the Vine and the branches. But what you really need to think about is this: *Am I a fruit-bearing branch in Jesus?*

