

[BELIEVER'S BIBLE STUDY]

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## Chapter 15

### INTRODUCTION...

Chapter 15 begins as Jesus and His 12 are leaving the upper room and making their way to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus begins to teach the disciples what a life of following Him will look like: it will bear much fruit (read Galatians 5:22-23 as examples of what this fruit looks like), it will lay itself down for others, and it will be persecuted by the world.

Notice the order in which these occur; they are purposeful. The world hates Jesus. If Jesus lives through us, the world will hate us. We will never be persecuted by the world for the name of Jesus if we never look & act like Jesus. Bearing the fruit of obedience and the fruit of the Spirit will cause us to look & act like Jesus. Only then will we be counted worthy of suffering shame for the name of Christ (Acts 5:40-41).

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

*John 15:13*

*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."*

*NKJV*

### THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER FIFTEEN...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

What do you think Jesus means by “bear fruit”?

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What word did Jesus speak to them that made them clean?

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What does it mean to abide in Jesus?

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What can we do without Jesus?

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What do you think vs. 7 is saying?

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In your own words explain the connection between keeping Jesus’ commandments and abiding in His love?

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Why did Jesus speak the things he spoke?

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What is our standard for how we are to love one another?

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How do we know if we are Jesus' friend?

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Why were we chosen by God?

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What is the 'key' to asking God for things?

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What 'things' did Jesus command us?

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How can we expect the world to treat us? Why?

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Why does the world hate us?

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Can we expect persecution in this world? Why?

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Why will the world persecute us?

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Why is man without excuse regarding their sin?

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What happens when people hate Jesus?

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What is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit?

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Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 15?

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QUESTIONS?...

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