

***Part of the Vine:
How to Remain in Christ***
Sermon by Ray Reynolds (11-1-09 - PM)
Text: John 15:1-11

Introduction: I have always admired this great passage. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. But how do we remain attached to the vine? Can we fall off of the vine and stray away from Christ? We abide in Christ by following a few simple steps

Discussion:

I. READ THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 15:4

II Timothy 3:16-17

II. REFLECT ON THE WILL OF GOD

Psalms 119:97-100

Romans 12:1-2

III. RELY ON THE DIRECTION OF GOD

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 28:20

IV. RESPECT THE POWER OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-2

Romans 1:16

V. REQUEST THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Philippians 4:6-7

James 1:5

VI. REJOICE IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Romans 8:28

Hebrews 13:15

VII. REMEMBER THE PROMISES OF GOD

Psalms 119:11-16

II Peter 1:3-4

Conclusion: There is a danger in falling away from the Lord. These things are necessary to remain in Christ. Where are you? Where do you belong?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Christ"