

JOHN 15:1-17

“Family Relations”

Introduction-

Christ encourages us with reminders of our family relationships with Him and fellow believers:

I. *OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST – vv. 1-11*

Abiding and fruit-bearing:

1- The Symbols- vv. 1-6

a) The vine, gardener and branches- vv. 1, 5

b) The fruit- vv. 2-5, 8

c) The fruitless branches, cutting off and burning- vv. 2, 6

d) The pruning- vv. 2-3

Psa. 119:71; James 1:2-4; Heb. 4:12

e) The abiding- vv. 4-6, 9-10

1 John 4:12-16; 3:23-24

2- The Summary

3- The Results- vv. 7-11

II. *OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS – vv. 12-17*

Loving one another:

1- By Sacrificing- v. 13

2- By Sharing- vv. 14-15

3- By Supporting- v. 16