

▶ I Am The Vine

John 15:1-8

The vine - roots

▶ “O Christmas Tree”

▶ Roots

- ▶ Do we think what God’s word teaches us to think?
- ▶ Do we love what God’s word teaches us to love?
- ▶ Do we accept what God’s word declares us to be?
- ▶ Is there a divide between what we say we believe and how we actually live?

The vine - roots

- ▶ *And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." (Jon. 1:9 ESV)*
- ▶ *But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. (Gal. 2:11 ESV)*

The vine - the root

- ▶ *⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.*
- ▶ *⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (Jn. 15:4-5 ESV)*

Parable of the soils

- ▶ Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23
- ▶ The root system
 - ▶ The hard path.
 - ▶ Rocky ground (Heb. 6:1-2)
 - ▶ Thorny ground (1John 2:15-16)
 - ▶ Good soil
 - ▶ Where is salvation?