## **JESUS THE SOURCE OF LIFE**



Once Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the Vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:1-2).

Jesus Continued: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because a part from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned" (John 15:5-6). Only when the branches are joined to the main stem, life-giving sap will flow into the branches. That life-giving sap gives power to the branches to grow and bear fruit.





If the branches are not united to the stem, what will happen? The branches will not get the required nourishment and water for their maintenance and growth and they will dry up. They will lose their life.

Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. We get life from Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus and obey His words obtain divine life. They are able to produce good fruits.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).



What shall we do to be united with Jesus? We must abide by His words. Jesus said: "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love" (John 15:10).

If we don't obey His words, what will happen to us? We will move away from Jesus and lose divine life.



Let us remain united with Jesus, the source of life. Let us obey His words. Loving Jesus and doing good to all, let us bear fruit.

## Let us pray

O loving Jesus who gives us divine life, help us to be always united with you and bear good fruits.

Word of God to remember "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" (John 15:5).



## Let us find out the answer

- 1. Jesus compares Himself to something. What is that 'something'?
- 2. What shall we do to get divine life?
- 3. What are we to do to be united with Jesus in faith and love?
- 4. What happens to us when we move away from Jesus?