

## Chapter 15

*He exhortheth them to abide in him (that is his Church, being the true vine, and not the Synagogue of the Iewes any more) 9. and in his loue, louing one another, and keeping his commandements: 13. shewing how much he accounteth of them, by this that he dieth for them, 15. and reuealeth vnto them the secrets of Heauen, 17. and appointeth their fruits to be perpetual: 18. confirming them also againft the perfecutions & hatred of the obftinate Iewes.*

**I** am the true vine; and my Father is the husbandman. <sup>2</sup> ¶ Euery branch in me, not bearing fruit, he wil take it away: & euery one that beareth fruit, he wil purge it, that it may bring ¶ more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Now you are cleane for the <sup>a</sup>)word which I haue spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me: and I in you. As the brāch cā not beare fruit of it self, ¶ vnles it abide in the vine, so you neither ¶ vnles you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine: you are the brāches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can doe nothing. <sup>6</sup> If any abide not in me: he shal be cast forth as the branch, and shal wither, and they shal gather him vp, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, & my wordes abide in you: you shal aske what thing foeuer you wil, and it shal be done to you. <sup>8</sup> In this my Father is glorified; that you bring very much fruit, and become my Disciples. <sup>9</sup> As my Father hath loued me, I also haue loued you. Abide in my loue. <sup>10</sup> If you ¶ keepe my precepts, you shal abide in my loue: as I also haue kept my Fathers precepts, and doe abide in his loue. <sup>11</sup> These things I haue spoken to you, that my ioy may be in you, and your ioy may be filled. <sup>12</sup> This is my precept, that you loue one another, as I haue loued you. <sup>13</sup> Greater loue then this no man hath, that a man yeald his life for his freinds. <sup>14</sup> You are my freinds, if

*Io. 13, 34.*

<sup>a</sup> S. Auguſtin expoundeth it of the Sacramental word of Baptiſme and not as Heretikes doe, of preaching only. *Tract. 80. in Io.*

you doe the things that I cōmand you. <sup>15</sup> Now I cal you not feruants: for the feruāt knoweth not what his Lord doeth. But you I haue called freinds; becaufe al things whatfoeuer I heard of my Father, I haue notified vnto you. <sup>16</sup> You chofe not me, but I chofe you; and haue appointed you: that you goe, & bring fruit; and your fruit abide: that whatfoeuer you aske the Father in my name, he may giue it you. <sup>17</sup> Thefe things I command you, that you loue one another.

<sup>18</sup> If the world hate you, know ye that it hath hated me before you. <sup>19</sup> If you had been of the world, the world would loue his owne. But becaufe you are not of the world, but I haue chofen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. <sup>20</sup> Remember my word that I faid to you: The feruant is not greater then his Maifter. If they haue perfecuted me, you alfo wil they perfecute. If they haue kept my Word, <sup>a</sup>)yours alfo wil they keepe. <sup>21</sup> But al thefe things they wil doe to you for my name fake; becaufe they know not him that fent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come, and fpoken to them, they fhould not haue finne: but now they haue no excufe of their finne. <sup>23</sup> He that hateth me, hateth my Father alfo. <sup>24</sup> ♣If I had not done among them workes that no other man hath done, they fhould not haue finne: but now both they haue feen, and they doe hate both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But that the word may be fulfilled, which is written in their law: *That they hated me gratis.* <sup>26</sup> But when the Paraclete commeth ♣whom I wil fend you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he fhall giue teftimonie of me: and ♣you fhall giue teftimonie, becaufe you are with me from the beginning.

*Io. 13, 16.*  
*Mt. 10, 24.*  
*Luc. 6, 40.*

*Pf. 24, 19.*  
*Act. 2, 1.*

## ANNOTATIONS

2 Euerie branch in me) By this it appeareth that Chrifft hath fome branches in his bodie myftical that be fruitles: therefore

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<sup>a</sup> He forefheweth that many wil not obey the Churches wordes; & no maruel, becaufe they cōtemned Chrifts owne precepts.

il liuers alfo may be members of Chrifft and the Church, though none can be faued but fruitful branches.

2 More fruit) This proueth that a iuft man may continually increafe in iuftice & fanctification fo long as he liueth.

4 Vnles it abide) Whofoeuer by Herefie, or Schifme, or for anie other caufe, is cut off, or feperated from the Church, he can doe no meritorious worke to faluation. Neither can be heard, pray he neuer fo much in Schifme, becaufe he is not in the bodie of Chrifft, which is a condition neceffarily required in prayer. *ver. 7.*

No faluation out of the Church.

4 Vnles you abide) Thefe conditional fpeeches, *If you remaine in the vine, If you keepe my commandements*, and fuch like, giue vs to wit that we be not fure to perfift, perfeuer, nor to be faued, but vnder condition to be fulfilled by vs. *Aug. de corrupt. & gra. c. 13.*

No man fure of perfeuerance.

10 Keepe my precepts) This careful and often admonition of keeping his commandements, proueth that a Chriftian mans life is not only or principally in faith, but in good workes.

Onlie faith fuficeth not to faluation.

24 If I had) If the Iewes had not finned by refufing Chrifft, in cafe he had not done greater miracles then any other: then were it a great folly of Catholikes to beleeuue Luthers or Caluins new opinions without any miracles at al.

26 Whom I wil fend) The Holy Ghofth is fent by the Sonne, therefore he proceedeth from him alfo, as from the Father: though the late Schifmatical Greekes thinke otherwife.

26 You fhall giue) He vouchfafeth to ioyne together the teftimonie of the Holy Ghofth, and of the Apoftles: that we may fee the teftimonie of truth ioyntly to confift in the Holy Ghofth and in the Prelates of the Church. See *Annot. Act. 25. v. 28.*