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There is a clear _____ between the eleven disciples, who are clean, and Judas who is not clean. The branches in Chapter 15 fall into these clean and unclean categories.

Both groups had _____ with Jesus, the vine. Judas had a relationship with Jesus that was _____, but still he had a relationship.

The _____ vine is Jesus Christ. He is the “true light” Jn.1:9. He is the “true bread” Jn. 6:35. Israel was only a type of vine – Jesus was the real vine.

Be careful: The temptation is great to have _____ vines attached to our lives.

God, the Father, is the _____. (v.1) He takes away the branches that do not bear fruit and He prunes the fruit bearing branches.

God removes those Judas types who are only attached to the vine outwardly. God prunes believers so they will be even more useful in the Kingdom of God.

Believers should be _____ that God is at work in us helping us to bear more fruit. C.f. James 1:2-4

Application: We get pruned by the Word of God through the Holy Spirit.

1. Do you know what is going on in your life when you have trouble? God is pruning you to bear more fruit.
2. Are you a real believer or a Judas type? Are you connected to Jesus in truth and in spirit? Or are you just hanging around and in danger of hell?

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