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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Paul Praschnik

##### PM Sermon

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##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Jesse Dickison

##### In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

##### The Truth in Love

on Channel 19 Sundays @ 8am

##### The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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## The Oologah Informer June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### Thoughts from the Preacher

#### **“What Have You Given”**

Why all that God has given to mankind what  
Have you given to Him lately?”

### **The Vine and the Branches**

#### Part 1 of 2

(From the “Truth for the World” website)

Jesus Christ was the greatest teacher the world has ever known! He made very difficult ideas easy for people to understand. He often used things in nature to explain His teachings. One example of this is found in John 15:1-8.

Here Jesus compares Himself to a vine. God, the Father, is the vinedresser. Disciples of Jesus are the branches in the vine. Jesus said: I am the true vine. The vine is the means of giving life to the branches. It is only by remaining in the vine that a branch can have life.

Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life. Many others have claimed to be the way to God.

Mohammed boasted that he was God’s last and greatest prophet. Millions of people follow him. But Mohammed died and remains dead. He can give life to no one!

Buddhists claim Gautama was the “Enlightened One” who came to show us the true way to God. But Gautama has been dead for 2,500 years. He was simply a man, just like you and I are.

Jesus died, but He did not remain in the grave. He arose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15). He has power over death and will live forever (Revelation 1:17-18).

We can have hope of eternal life only if we trust in Jesus Christ and obey Him.

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6). John wrote: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life (1 John 5:11-12).

Jesus also said: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing (John 15:5).

Many false teachers today say that Christ is the vine and the various man-made churches or denominations are the branches in the vine.

They say, “One branch is the Baptist Church, another the Lutheran, another the Roman Catholic, another the Seventh Day Adventist, etc.”

Jesus did not say, “I am the vine, and denominations are the branches!” He said, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” Disciples of Christ are the branches in the vine. If you are a Christian, you are a branch in Christ.

When God created the world. He gave the law of reproduction. He ordered that every form of life would produce after its kind (Genesis 1:11-12).

Can you imagine a tomato vine producing from the same vine maize, yams, beans, and cabbages?! It is not possible. A tomato vine can only produce tomatoes. Christ, the true vine, can only produce Christians. He cannot produce Lutherans, Baptists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Pentecostals, etc.