## the life of faith

## I. THE TRUE VINE

- A. Israel is pictured as God's vine. (Isaiah 5)
- B. Purpose of that vine was that all the world should know who God was.
- C. Jesus Christ is the true vine.
- D. The Father cares for that vine.

## II. THE BRANCHES

- A. The branches are vitally connected to the vine's life.
- B. The branches are vitally connected to the vine's purpose.

1. They are pruned to that end.	
2. They are worthless apart from that end.	
III. THE FRUIT	
A. In Israel - it was character with a purpose (Isaiah 5)	
B. In the disciples - character with a purpose	
1. Fruit - Christ-likeness	
2. Fruit - Blessing of Christ reaching others	
IV. THE CALL	
A. Abide in Me.	
B. Abide in My love.	
C. Let My words abide in you.	
D. Pray.	