

Kingdom 'Glue'

John 15:4-17



John 15:

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither [can] you unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much



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fruit, and [so] prove to be My disciples.

9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 "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. 11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and [that] your joy may be made full. 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do what I



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command you. 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and [that] your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. 17 "This I command you, that you love one another.



On the road...

Walking to a place of olive trees...

Jesus spoke of pruning, cleansing (vv. 1-3)

Abide in Me... the focus! Meno

Branches are perfect... they stay put!

...and bear 'fruit' - if you are apart... nothing!

Abiding in Jesus

Words, commands, love, 'greater works, HS

Abide in Me, I in you...His part is certain!

I am the Vine (source), you are branches

Just by abiding - much fruit (5)

Apart from Me... dead, dried, fire wood! (6)

Abiding Requests

IF you bide in Him, His words too...

Then, ask! aiteo - it will come to pass

Father, the vine keeper is glorified in fruit...

Proof of being His disciples...

Abiding in Love

- The great fruit - being in His Love!
- Abide in it... stay put! No other source
- Stay focused on His commands
- Keeping them = abiding in His love...
- As we obey, we gain insight into His heart...

These things...

Words, commands, encouragement - "My joy"

Made full to abundance

Paul in prison shouting about joy... this is why!

Tie back to love - command, as He loves us

Greater love has no one laid down life! Friends...

My friends...

philos - having the same heart, spirit

Friends IF you do what I command...

Master/slave - no knowledge, understanding

Calls us friends, inside info - what He hears

From the Father "all the things"

Chosen for fruit

Specific of apostles, extends to us

“chosen...appointed... go bear fruit”

Fruit remains... so that your asking...answered!

Why we need this? hatred of the world! (18-25)

Not of this world!



John 15:

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, [that is] the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,
27 and you [will] testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.