

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.

Isaiah 5:1-2

Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and
people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more could have been done for
my vineyard
than I have done for it?

Isaiah 5:3-4

I AM the True Vine
Abiding in Christ

John 15



I am the vine; you are the
branches. If you remain in me and I
in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Verse 2: He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit....

Verse 6: If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

John 15

When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed...

Isaiah 5:4-5

Verse 3: You are already clean because
of the word I have spoken to you.

Verse 9: As the Father has loved me, so
have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

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Verse 16: You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

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I have told you this so that my joy may
be in you and that **your joy may be
complete.**

John 15:11

ABIDING IN CHRIST MEANS

Resting in the Reality of His
Love For You.

ABIDING IN CHRIST MEANS

Finding Joy in What You
Perceive as Failure, Knowing
He Uses It for Fruitfulness.

THE MEANING OF A'IPEI IN VERSE 2

THREE USES IN SCRIPTURE

- "CUT OFF"
- "TAKES AWAY"

MOST COMMON USE IN NEW TESTAMENT

- "TO LIFT UP"

Grapes were allowed to grow along the ground [during the time of Christ] where their clusters were propped up every few feet by sticks to prevent them from being ruined [in essence “cut off” from the decay it had rooted itself in].

As a consequence of a misguided understanding of the viticultural practices of the day...many have determined that αἶρει must mean “remove or take away,” as in judgment, contrary to the viticulturally precise meaning “lift up,” as in stimulation and encouragement.

John A Tucker

THE PROMISE OF ABIDING IN CHRIST

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

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