

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
The Vine and the Branches  
John 15:1-11  
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The Old Testament portrays Israel as the branches and God as the vine who gives them life.

*Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.  
9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.*  
Psalm 80:7-9 ESV

### **JESUS IS THE VINE**

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. John 15:1-2 ESV*

The vine is set in the vineyard and God is the vinedresser.  
Attached to the vine are the branches. We are the branches.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord you will never produce the fruit that can only come from that relationship.

Pruning removes the dead material and leaves the branch clean and pure.

No fruit can be better than the vine that produces it.  
When you are connected to the vine, fruit is expected.

### **ABIDE IN JESUS**

*Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*  
John 15:3-5 ESV

The means of pruning is the Word of God.

Christianity has always been counter-cultural.

### **IF YOU ABIDE IN ME**

*If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and 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 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

John 15:6-8 ESV

If you abide in Jesus there will be one outcome and if you do not abide in Jesus there will be an opposite outcome.

*Whoever believes in him is **not** condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

John 3:18 ESV

Disciples walk with Jesus.

### **JESUS LOVES ME**

*As the Father has loved me, so have I 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, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

John 15:9-11 ESV

When we let Jesus love us we experience His joy.  
When we walk continually with Him that joy will be full.

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.