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LESSON 8 – Abiding in Christ (Part 1)

(John 15:1-17)

The Parable of the Vine

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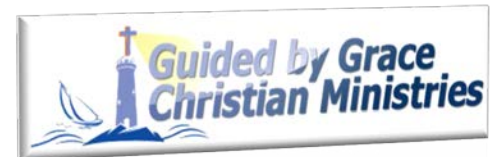
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The True Vine

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⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples”.



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- **Point 1:** The first thing that Christ points out is that He is the “True Vine” **He is the only truth and way.**
- **Point 2:** Christ acknowledges **who He is in relation to the Father** (vinedresser or husbandman).
- **Point 3:** Christ exalts and glorifies the Father by showing **His Humbleness.**
- **Point 4:** He points out that we are “**Made Clean**” by Him, for the **Word of God** (New Covenant – the Covenant of Grace) states so.

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- **Point 5:** We are the branches which **must remain attached to Christ** (the Vine) at all times...**We must be Christ-centric**...not Self-centric (Self-centered).
- **Point 6:** If we **are not attached to Him we will not bear fruit**, and will be cast away (severed).
- **Point 7:** If we remain in Him, He will **“Prune”** us so we **may be bear more fruit**.



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QUESTION:

- What Does Christ Mean When He States “If we remain in Him, He will “Prune” us so we may be bear more fruit”?

- ANSWER: James 1:1-3

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- ❑ ² My brethren, **count it all joy when you fall into various trials,** ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (James 1:1-3)
 - **Point 1:** Christ prunes by subjecting us to **trials and tests.**
 - **Point 2:** This is how we will grow spiritually, by His **testing of our “Spiritual Muscles”**
 - **Point 3:** During times of “Pruning”, we are to consider it **a joyous happening**, for we know what Christ is doing; that He is with us to help us through the test; and after we complete the test, we will be stronger and that much closer to Him, thus closer in our “Oneness with God!”
 - **Point 4:** During our trials and tribulations, **we are to be patient and wait on Christ** – believing by way of FAITH (Trust in Him), He will never give us more than we can bear and will deliver us.
 - **Point 5:** After the test, we will bear even more “Fruit” – Fruits of the Spirit.

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QUESTION:

**What Are the FRUITS
OF THE SPIRIT?**



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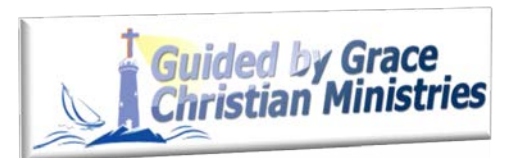
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❑ Fruits of the Spirit (The Spirit of Christ – The Holy Spirit) (Galatians 5:22) are

- Love,
- Joy,
- Peace,
- Longsuffering (perseverance),
- Kindness,
- Goodness (Holiness), and
- Faithfulness.

❑ **NOTE!!** – The above “Fruits” can only be obtained by way of CHRIST – HIS SPIRIT – THE HOLY Spirit.



Key Points



- **Point 1:** We must abide in Christ for all things, for He is the ONLY truth and the way.
- **Point 2:** God the Father is the Vinedresser (Husbandman) who...
 - Tends to the Vine (Jesus Christ),
 - And produces the Fruit (Holy Spirit).
- **Point 3:** We are the branches which must remain attached to the vine at all times.
- **Point 4:** We are called to be “Christ-centric” and abandon our self-centric (self-centered) nature.
- **Point 5:** Detached from the Vine (Apart from Christ), we are powerless...we can do nothing...

Key Points



- **Point 6:** Christ will **strengthen our spiritual muscles** and increase our **spiritual maturity by “pruning”** us by way of trials and tribulations.
- **Point 7:** During times of “Pruning”, we are to consider it a **joyous happening**, for we know what Christ is doing ...after we complete the test, we will be **stronger and that much closer to Him**, thus **closer in our “Oneness with God!”**
- **Point 8:** When Christ “prunes” us, **we will bear much (no just some) fruit** – Fruits of the Spirit (The Spirit of Christ – The Holy Spirit).

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⁹ As the Father **hath loved me**, so have **I loved you**: continue ye in my love.

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

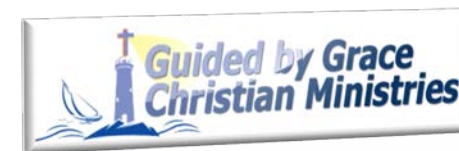
¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, **that my joy might remain in you**, and that your joy might be full.

¹² This is my commandment, That ye **love one another, as I have loved you**.

¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

¹⁵ **Henceforth I call you not servants**; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but **I have called you friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.



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- **Point 1:** Christ tells us that He loves us as much as the Father loves Him.
- **Point 2:** He speaks these things so our joy remains with us, and be full of joy.
- **Point 3:** If we obey His commands of love, He will no longer consider us His servants, but His friends.
- **Point 4:** All things the Father has told Him, Christ has told us.

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- ❑ ¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but **I have chosen you**, and **ordained you**, that ye should go and **bring** forth fruit, and that your fruit **should remain**: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the **Father in my name**, he may give it you.
- ❑ **Point 1:** Note that Christ tells us that we did not choose Him first. He chose us.
- ❑ **Point 2:** Our call as disciples is to bring good fruit from others.
- ❑ **Point 3:** He “ordained (anointed, appointed) us to do this as His disciples.
- ❑ **Point 4:** If we do these things, our own fruits will be sustained – showing the fruits do not come from us, but rather the Holy Spirit in us.
- ❑ **Point 5:** It is by way of fulfilling His commands of love and discipleship that we will be given what we ask of the Father – Showing Christ’s full Authority over Heaven and Earth.



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