



I am the True Vine

John 15:1-7

Our Identity in Jesus

- **Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jesus – The True Vine

- **John 15:1** - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Jesus – Only Way to the Father

- **John 6:65** - And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”
- **John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Are You Being Pruned or Cut Off?

- **John 15:2** - 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.



"Our response to
pain proves what
type of branch
we are."

Pruning Brings Forth Fruit

- **James 1:2-4** - ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- **1 Peter 1:6-7** - ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- **Your pain, your trials -this is a pruning process to eliminate the waste and toxins of the world so that you can bear fruit for Jesus.**

Allow God's Pruning to Remove Sin In Order to Bear Fruit for Jesus

- **James 1:21** - Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- **Ephesians 4:31** - Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Because of the Word

- **John 15:3** - ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

In the Beginning – The Word

- **John 1:1-3** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Baptism – Wash Away Your Sins

- **Acts 2:37-38** - ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 22:16** - ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

Abide in Me

- **John 15:4-5** - 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.

Baptism – Necessary to Abide in Jesus

- **Romans 6:3-5** - ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

- **Galatians 3:27** - ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Your Responsibility – To Maintain and Nurture Your Relationship with Jesus

- **Philippians 3:13** - ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
- **Colossians 1:10** - ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- **1 Peter 1:14-16** - ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Set the Example – Abide in Jesus

- **1 Corinthians 13:13** - ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Choice

- **John 15:6-7** - ⁶ 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.



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