

The True Vine Part 1

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 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.” (John 15:1-11 KJV)

Jesus said, **“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.”** (John 15:1 KJV) Jesus is the true vine, He is the way and the truth and the life. Salvation is only through Jesus and there is no other way to reach God the Father except through Jesus Christ our Lord. God the Father is the gardener who care and look after the vine. He protect it, He dress it and who provide for it.

Jesus spoke that in the last day that He was with His disciples, before He was arrested. He opened to them His heart and spoke to them heart to heart. He faced them with truth and with realities and He is even facing us today with this truth and He want us to abide with the truth that He revealed, and He will continue to reveal to us every day through His Word and through the work of the Holy Spirit.

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” (John 15:2 KJV) Every one of us is a branch in the true vine of Jesus. **Therefore, we need to be fruitful. We need to reproduce fruit. We are called by God to reproduce the fruit that God want and desire to see in our lives and to see in the life of His church.** There are three fruit that we need to reproduce and show progress in attaining them.

1. The fruit of repentance. God wants us to turn away from our sins.
2. The fruit of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to reproduce character and attitude that is the same of Jesus. We need to have the following characters in our attitude, **“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”** (Galatians 5:22-23 KJV) We are called to have love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance which is patience and self-control.
3. The fruit of bringing new souls to Christ and making new disciples for Him.

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.” (John 15:2 KJV) **If we live our lives and reproduce no fruit then we will be taken away from the vine. Therefore we need to persevere in doing all the kinds of fruit we discussed.**

“And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” (John 15:2 KJV) **When we persevere in reproducing the fruit the Lord will make us fruitful by purging us. Purging us is to cleanse us and remove from us dirt, blemishes and wrong things that are non pleasant to God so we will be more fruitful. Purging in certain times painful because it include discipline, rebuke and correction when God is forcing us to follow Him and go through the narrow way that He wants us to go through.**

Certain times the purging is so painful and troublesome and when God is doing them as if things are falling apart but after a while and after a certain time, the plan of God will be unfold and we can see the new potential and the new blessings that God had prepared and bestowed on us to have, and the potential of the new fruits that God is calling us to achieve and to accomplish for him.

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” (John 15:3 KJV) Jesus told His disciples that they had received cleansing through the Word that he had spoken unto them. **Every time we read the Word of God, we listen to the reading of His Word and we listen to the message of God by the Holy Spirit we are receiving cleansing through the reminding of His Word to us, through the rebuke and the correction, and through the teaching that will guide us and will teach us how to live and how to manage our lives and do what ordained from us to do.**

Be glad to read your Bible. Be glad to listen to God's Word and be glad to listen to the messages that the Holy Spirit is sending to the church to cleanse us.

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.” (John 15:4 KJV) Jesus wants us to abide in Him, so He will be abiding in us. We need to go and move in the direction that Jesus wants us to move and go on. **We need to obey His direction and we should not deny Him or deny His instruction to us.**

Like the branches in the vine tree, they will not bear fruit without being connected with the vine, we ourselves will not be able to reproduce fruit if we will not abide and stay with Jesus and follow Him and His ways.

The vine is the church, to abide with Jesus we need to abide in His church.

We are part of the body of Christ and we will not be able to function and bear fruit unless we abide in His church. God call us to interact with one another, to submit to one another, to admonish one another, to love one another, to pray for one another, to support one another, and we are called to grow in our relationship to one another through the fruit of the Holy Spirit that God wants it to appear in our lives. Many who leave the church and isolate themselves they will not be able to bear fruit unless they will abide in God's church.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5 KJV) *Jesus is the tree of the vine and we are the branches. Every one of us is a branch and we need to abide in Jesus and in His direction and instructions and follow His ways so we can bear fruit. When we do that we will bear much fruit. Without being with Jesus we will not be able to repent and we will not be able to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. If we will not abide with Jesus, we will not be able to bear any fruit, and we will not be able to do anything good.*

“If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” (John 15:6 KJV) *If we will not follow Jesus we will be like the branches that are fallen down from the vine. They will gather them and throw them into the fire. When we do not abide in the Lord we will lose our salvation and we will be ended in hell as Judas Iscariot ended when he betrayed Jesus and ended where he belong.*

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7 KJV) *Jesus needs us to abide in Him, to abide in the vine His church, and He needs us also to abide in His Word.* His will dictates on us certain instruction that will make us fully submitting to him. There are certain times we need to discern of what we need to do in our relationship to one another, that is where the Word of God will dictate on us of what we need to do. *When we abide in the Word of God, we will not ask God in our prayers anything out of His Word. His Word will direct us on what we need to stand. And when we are clearly directed with His Word our prayers will be pleasant to God and in accordance to God’s will.*

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:8 KJV) *When we are disciplined in such a way that we are abiding with the Lord, then we are bearing much fruit and God will help us and will use us to bear much fruit, for that will be for his glory.*

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” (John 15:9 KJV) The way that God loved Jesus, Jesus loved us. God the Father loved Jesus when He gave Him His commands. Jesus loved us when He gave us His commands. *To continue in the love of Jesus, we need to continue in His commands.* We are in fact taught that we need to abide in Jesus’ love through the obeying of His commands, the same as Jesus abided in the Father love in obeying His commands, ***“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.” (John 15:10 KJV)*** *Therefore, to abide in Jesus’ love we need to abide with His commands and instruction. Certain time we might be drifted away to love certain things more than Jesus, therefore, His commands will direct us of how and what we need to do to go back and love Jesus by obeying His commands.*

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” (John 15:11 KJV) With this declaration and teaching of Jesus the truth is clearly revealed to us and that what we need to abide with. When the truth will be revealed the disciple and the followers of Jesus who love God they will rejoice in the truth. *The joy of Jesus is being knowing the truth and knowing what will be taken place in*

the future, as He is revealed these truth to His disciples and we among them today, His joy will be in us as was in them, up to the measure that their joy and our joy today is complete.

My dear and beloved: The four abiding that Jesus dictates on us are the followings:-

A. To abide in Him: To be persistent in following Him and His instructions to us.

B. To abide in the vine: To remain in His church, and be willing to be mature and growing in our relationship with one another. We are called to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ***“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians4:1-3 KJV)*** We are not only accountable to God but we are also accountable to one another. We are responsible to one another and we need to give a keen account in our relationship to one another before God and before man.

C. To Abide in His Word: That will be the standard for us so we will be aware of how we set our lives, our decisions and our relationships with one another right based on the standard of His Word.

D. To abide in His love: To obey His commandments that we can see and read in God’s Word.

These four matters to abide with are the introduction for the further assignments that the Lord declared to His disciples and is declaring to us today of what we need further to do.

You need to be fruitful. You are called by God to reproduce the fruit that God want and desire to see in your life and to see in the life of His church; the fruit of repentance, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and The fruit of bringing new souls to Christ and making new disciples for Him.

The Lord will make you fruitful by purging you. Purging is the process to cleanse and to remove from you dirt, blemishes and wrong things that are non pleasant to God so you will be more fruitful. Purging in certain times painful because it include discipline, rebuke and correction when God is forcing you to follow Him and go through the narrow way that He wants you to go through. Purging might be so painful and troublesome and when God is doing them as if things are falling apart in your life but after a while and after a certain time, the plan of God will be unfold to you and you will see the new potential and the new blessings that God had prepared and bestowed on you to have, and the potential of the new fruits that God is calling you to achieve and to accomplish for Him.

Be glad to read your Bible. Be glad to listen to God’s Word and be glad to listen to the messages that the Holy Spirit is sending to His church, because these are important ways for God to purge you from sins, mistakes and bad attitudes.

The branches in the vine tree will not bear fruit without being connected with the vine, therefore, you will not be able to reproduce fruit if you will not abide and stay with Jesus and follow Him and His ways.

Without being with Jesus you will not be able to repent and you will not be able to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. If you will not abide with Jesus, you will not be able to bear any fruit, and you will not be able to do anything good.

The vine of Jesus is His church, and you will not be able to function and bear fruit unless you abide in His church; and that mean to interact with one another, to submit to one another, to admonish one another, to love one another, to pray for one another, to support one another, and to grow in our relationship to one another through the fruit of the Holy Spirit that God wants it to appear in your life.

If you will not follow Jesus you will be like the branches that are fallen down from the vine. When you do not abide in the Lord we will loss your salvation and you will be ended in hell as Judas Iscariot ended when he betrayed Jesus and ended where he belong.

Jesus needs you to abide in the Word of God, and His Word will direct you on what you need to pray and ask God and on what you need to do. And when you are clearly directed with His Word your prayers will pleasant to God and in accordance to God's will.

Jesus needs you to abide in His love as you continue to obey His commands for His commands will direct you of how and what you need to do.

When you are disciplined and directed in such a way with God's Word and with His love, then you will be bearing much fruit and God will help you and will use you to bear much fruit, for that will be for his glory, and with such, the joy of Jesus will be abide in you and in your life.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me, and thank you for reminding me to abide in you, to abide in your church, to abide in your Word and to abide in your love.

Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I renounce them all.

Lord as I renounce my sins and I commit myself to the principle of the message to abide in you, to abide in your church and to do my responsibility and do good toward you and toward your church, and as I will abide in your Word and your love, Lord I ask you to help me to be more fruitful and to let the fruit of Holy Spirit to appear in my life.

Lord sustain me and provide for me. Above all Lord, keep sending me your Word that will remind me and that will help me to grasp what you need me to do for you and for one another. Lord, I trust you that you will neither leave me, nor forsake me, I trust you that you will answer my prayer, and that you will complete your work in my life and that your joy will be in me and my joy will be complete.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to the principle of this message of yours. Lord bless them and make them more fruitful by purging them from sins and from whatever hindrances that will affect their fruitfulness, so they will yield more fruit to you. Lord I pray for them to be maturing and growing in your grace, and that we as a Church of God will reach your expectation and what you want to see in our lives. Lord I pray for more fruit of the Holy Spirit to be manifested in our lives and in our relationship with one another.

Lord I pray that you will fill us with your Holy Spirit and give to us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we need in our lives so that we can go and evangelize and make new disciples and complete the work that you ordained for us to do, Lord protect us from the evil one and provide our needs to continue to serve you. Lord enables us to start new Bible studies and plant new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory, let your hands be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.