

Jesus Teaches about the Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-17

In the last 2 weeks we learned how the **Helpful Holy Spirit** gives...

1. Intimate Confidence of God's Love
2. One on One Mentoring in God's Word
3. Personal Enablement to Testify
4. Personal Conviction to Believe

How do we receive His help?

¹ I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.

² He cuts off (raises up) every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.

4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.

¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

- ❖ Jesus is the Vine, the Source of spiritual life. (1)
- ❖ God the Father is the Gardner... the owner of the vineyard, and the One who cares for each branch so that they may bear much fruit for Him. (1)
- ❖ We (believers) are the branches, drawing life from Jesus and bearing fruit to the honor of the Father. (5)

What kind of **FRUIT**?

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Gal. 5)

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What kind of **FRUIT**?

¹³ ... I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles. (Ro. 1)

¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit... (Jn. 15)

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Where is the Holy Spirit in this Metaphor?

As expected, He is behind the scenes... His role is like the "sap" that proceeds from the Vine (Jesus) through the branches (believers).

Link to Jesus as a Vine and Vine Branch

1

Those who are linked to Jesus
or
Those who are not linked to Jesus

2

Link to Jesus as a Vine and Vine Branch

Jesus said: ³⁷ However, those
the Father has given me will
come to me, and
I will never reject them.
(Jn. 6)

Link to Jesus as a Vine and Vine Branch

Jesus said: ²⁸ I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish. No one
can snatch them away from me,
²⁹ for my Father has given them to
me, and He is more powerful than
anyone else! (Jn 10)

Rely on God's Life Giving Strength

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in
you. For a branch cannot produce
fruit if it is severed from the vine,
and you cannot be fruitful unless
you remain in me.⁵ ... For apart
from me you can do nothing. (Jn 15)

Rely on God's Life Giving Strength

¹⁶ To those who are perishing, we
are a dreadful smell of death and
doom. But to those who are being
saved, we are a life-giving
perfume. And who is adequate for
such a task as this? (2 Cor. 2NLT)

Rely on God's Life Giving Strength

⁵ It is not that we think we are
qualified to do anything on
our own. Our qualification
comes from God. (2 Cor. 3NLT)

Allow your Hub to be God's Word

⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. (Jn 15)

Allow your Hub to be God's Word

1
Biblical Meditation
And
Bible Teaching with Mentoring

2

React Positively to God's Guidance

⁹ I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! (Jn 15)

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⁸ The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. ⁹ Do not be like a senseless horse or mule... (Ps. 32)

React Positively to God's Guidance

¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15)

React Positively to God's Guidance

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. (Jn 15)

React Positively to God's Guidance

¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other. (Jn 15)

