



FINAL WORDS

THE GOSPEL
OF JOHN

Abiding in the True Vine

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

“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. ³ 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,

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

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. 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,

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

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. ⁹ 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,

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

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. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me,

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

“Against the prevailing mindset of our day – you are what you make of yourself – union with Christ tells you that you can discover your real self only in relation to the One who made you. You are not, you cannot be, self-made.

Union with Christ tells you that you can only understand who you are in communion with God and others.”

-Rankin Wilbourne

**Abiding in Christ results in
fruitful love.**

John 14:1 (ESV)

**Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;
believe also in me.**

John 15

Jesus is the vine; we are the branches

**Abiding is the command; fruitfulness is the
consequence**

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John 15:1 (ESV)

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Isaiah 5:7a (NLT)

The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. The people of Judah are his pleasant garden.

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NLT)

Now I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a rich and fertile hill. ² He plowed the land, cleared its stones, and planted it with the best vines. In the middle he built a watchtower and carved a winepress in the nearby rocks. Then he waited for a harvest of sweet grapes,

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NLT)

but the grapes that grew were bitter. ³ Now, you people of Jerusalem and Judah, you judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could I have done for my vineyard that I have not already done? When I expected sweet grapes, why did my vineyard give me bitter grapes? ⁵ Now let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard:

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NLT)

I will tear down its hedges and let it be destroyed. I will break down its walls and let the animals trample it. ⁶ I will make it a wild place where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed, a place overgrown with briars and thorns. I will command the clouds to drop no rain on it.

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NLT)

⁷ The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. The people of Judah are his pleasant garden. He expected a crop of justice, but instead he found oppression. He expected to find righteousness, but instead he heard cries of violence.

Psalm 80:7-19 (NLT)

Turn us again to yourself, O God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved. ⁸ You brought us from Egypt like a grapevine; you drove away the pagan nations and transplanted us into your land. ⁹ You cleared the ground for us, and we took root and filled the land.

Psalm 80:7-19 (NLT)

¹⁰ Our shade covered the mountains; our branches covered the mighty cedars. ¹¹ We spread our branches west to the Mediterranean Sea; our shoots spread east to the Euphrates River. ¹² But now, why have you broken down our walls so that all who pass by may steal our fruit?

Psalm 80:7-19 (NLT)

¹³ The wild boar from the forest devours it, and the wild animals feed on it. ¹⁴ Come back, we beg you, O God of Heaven's Armies. Look down from heaven and see our plight. Take care of this grapevine ¹⁵ that you yourself have planted, this son you have raised for yourself. ¹⁶ For we are chopped up and burned by our enemies.

Psalm 80:7-19 (NLT)

May they perish at the sight of your frown.

¹⁷ Strengthen the man you love, the son of your choice. ¹⁸ Then we will never abandon you again.

Revive us so we can call on your name once more.

¹⁹ Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.

**Abiding is the Command;
Fruitfulness is the Consequence**

Ways to Abide

1. **Trust God as you consciously live in his love and Word**
2. **Pray.**
3. **Accept the Father's wise pruning**

Ways to Abide

4. Obey God's commands.
5. Love sacrificially.

Galatians 5:22-23a (ESV)

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control**

**Vine-abiding produces fruit-
bearing**

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