




GOSPEL *of* JOHN

" THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE "

Fruitful in Christ

John 15:1-17



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Vv1-3 Jesus, The Father, Pruning & Cleansing

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. 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.

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- Vine – Jesus
- Vinedresser (Gardener) – Father
- Branch – Those who follow
- Fruit – The produce of the vine

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³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

V3 You are already clean - katharoi: clean, pure, unstained

V2 that does bear fruit he prunes - kathairei: cleanse, purify, prune

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John 13:10-11

“The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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Vv4-11 Fruit Grows Through Our Union With Christ

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. 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.

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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, 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.

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Romans 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

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Wayne Grudem: “[Union with Christ] summarises several different relationships between Christ & believers, through which believers receive every benefit of salvation.”

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Being in union with Christ does not have one sense, but refers to us as:

- We are in Christ.
- Christ is in us.
- We are like Christ.
- We are with Christ.



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John 1:12, can a person be child of God through faith and then lost?

John 3:3, 5, 7–8, can a person be born again and then lost?

John 10:14-16, can a person be one of Christ's sheep and then not his sheep?

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John 6:37,39

37All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. . . . 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.”

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John 10:28-30

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.

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John 17:6

6 Yours they were, and you gave them to me.

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John 6:64-65

64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 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.”

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Vv12-17 The Nature Of The Fruit

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. 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.

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¹⁶ You did not choose me, 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.

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