

Abiding In Christ

John 15:1-11

John 15:1-2

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.”

The True Vine

- I am Alpha and Omega, (Revelation 3:14; 21:6-7; 3 Nephi 4:48)
- There is none other name under heaven (Acts 4:10-12; 2 Nephi 13:31)
- He is the first fruits unto God (2 Nephi 1:76-77)
- A name which is above every name (Philippians 2:9)
- Whosoever will not repent and come (3 Nephi 9:106)

The Husbandman

- The only true God (John 17:3)
- This is my beloved Son (Matthew 3:17, 17:5; 2 Peter 1:17; 3 Nephi 5:8)
- Father, glorify thy name (John 12:28; 3 Nephi 4:44-45)
- Ye are God's husbandry (1 Corinthians 3:9-11)

John 15:2

“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.”

Every Branch in Me

- Take upon you the name of Christ (3 Nephi 12:14-18)
- By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)
- Feast upon the word of Christ (2 Nephi 13:30)
- Blessed is the man (Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 17:7-8)
- But whoso keepeth his word, (1 John 2:3-6)

That Beareth Not Fruit He Taketh Away

“He Taketh”

Strong's number: 142; Greek: airo; Pronunciation: ah'-ee-ro
a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare 5375] to expiate sin: --away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

- Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (Matthew 3:8-10; Luke 3:9)
- Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (Matthew 7:16-20; Luke 6:43-45)
- He saw a fig tree in the way (Matthew 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14)
- A certain man had a fig tree (Luke 13:6-9)
- Doeth not the works of righteousness (Alma 3:59-60; John 13:10)
- Because I have called, and ye refused; (Proverbs 1:24-31)
- I will (3 Nephi 7:34-35)
- Take away their talent (Matthew 13:18-23; 25:14-30; Ether 5:26-27, 35-39)

Every Branch That Beareth Fruit

- Bringeth forth good works (Alma 3:68)
- The first-fruits of repentance is baptism (Moroni 8:28-29)
- The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 1. Love [agape – charity] (John 15:12-13; 3 Nephi 8: 16-26)

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2. Joy [calm delight, fullness] (John 15:9-11; 2 Nephi 1:115)
 3. Peace [set at one] (Philippians 4:7)
 4. Longsuffering [patience] (2 Peter 3:8-9)
 5. Gentleness [moral excellence] (Psalm 18:35; 2 Corinthians 10:1)
 6. Goodness [virtue](1 Nephi 1:13, 2 Nephi 11:113)
 7. Faith (Hebrews 11:6, Alma 16:143)
 8. Meekness [humility] (Isaiah 57: 15, Matthew 18: 3-4; Ether 5:28)
 9. Temperance [self control] (Luke 21:19)
- Awaken you to a sense of your duty to God (Alma 5:38-41)

He Purgeth It That It May Bring Forth More Fruit (Cleanse or Prune)

- As a refiner and purifier (Malachi 3:3)
- Wash me thoroughly (Psalm 51:2, 7)
- They shall still bring forth fruit in old age (Psalm 92:12-14)
- Search me, O God (Psalm 139:23-24)
- But they that wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:31)
- I try the reins (Jeremiah 17:10-11)
- Who will render to every man (Romans 2:6-9)
- Knowing that Tribulation (Romans 5:3-4)
- We know that all things work together for good (Romans 8:1-28)
- There hath no temptation taken you (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
- Trying of your faith (James 1:2-3, 12; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (Hebrews 12:1-13)
- The Lord is nigh unto them (Psalm 34:17-19)

John 15:3

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

- It becometh us to fulfil all righteousness (Matthew 3:15)
- Strait and narrow path (2 Nephi 13:24-26; Luke 13:24)
- Is clean every whit: (John 13:10)
- Thou hast been faithful; (Ether 5:37-38)

John 15:4-5

“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. 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.”

- Liahona (Alma 17:71-80)
- Rod of Iron (1 Nephi 4:37-42)

John 15:6

“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.”

- The tares are gathered and burned (Matthew 13:40)
- We will pluck off those main branches (Jacob 3:36)

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John 15:7-8

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

- If any man serve me, let him follow me; (John 12:24-30)
- Let your light so shine before men, (Matthew 5:16)

John 15:9-10

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 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.”

- This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17)
- My son, keep thy father's commandment, (Proverbs 6:20-23)

John 15:11

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

- How sweet are thy words (Psalms 119:97-105)
- That they might have joy. (2 Nephi 1:114-120)