

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life** with **Him**.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" 3.

The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."



Jesus is the True Vine: Abide in Him

(John 15:1-11)
Last week's message

Jesus' "I AM" declaration in John 15:1-11 marks the seventh I AM claim in the book of John: I AM the Bread of Life, (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51); I AM the Light of the World (John 8:12); I AM the Door of the Sheep (John 10:7,9); I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14); I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25); I AM the Way (John 14:6), and **I AM the True Vine** (John 15:1,5).

1. Abide and acknowledge His Lordship

In John 15:1-2, Jesus establishes his deity – I AM – which is the same name God used when he first revealed Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Jesus is the true vine, and His Father is the vinedresser. The vine is the source of life and provides nourishment to the branches, and the branches must abide in the vine to live and bear fruit.

The word "abide" means to dwell, to remain, to stay, to continue in Him and in his teaching. "Abide" is mentioned nine times in the eleven verses of our scripture John 15:1-11. How then, do we abide in Jesus? To abide in Jesus is to live by faith, to follow Him, to depend on Him, means He is truly your Lord.

There are two types of branches: one that bears fruit, and the other that does not bear fruit. *The branches that don't bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire* (Matthew 7:19) by the vinedresser, the Father. The branches that are cut off are people who appear to be connected to Christ, attached to the vine, but have no fruit. These fruitless branches are Judas branches, people who associate themselves with Jesus in appearances but are just posturing, so the Father cuts them off. Some who appear to be in Christ do not truly abide in him as *they went out from us; but they were not from us, for if they had been with us, they would have continued with us* (1 John 2:19). *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven, will enter"* Matt. 7:21.

2. Abide and be fruitful

The branches that bear fruit – stable, steadfast - are pruned to bear more fruit (John 15:2). *Kathairo* is the Greek word meaning to make clean to be productive. Pruning is selective cutting for a plant to bear more fruit and so true believers, Christians, undergo continual pruning. Pruning is painful but necessary for our spiritual lives, and one of the best ways to cleanse us is to allow sufferings and problems to come into our lives. Sufferings and problems can be useless, wasteful behavior, sickness, hardship, loss of job, material possessions, or a loved one. The Lord put a thorn in Paul's flesh to keep him from becoming conceited (2 Cor. 12), and in Hebrews 12, the Lord is treating us as His son when He disciplines us. After much pruning, a branch bears much fruit (John 15:8). God produces real fruit (fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22) in our lives when we abide.

The fruit-bearing agenda: Integral to the call to disciple making is the call to spiritual multiplication and growing exponentially. *The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.* (2 Timothy 2:2). This is CCF's mission: *to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* (Matt. 28:19).

We make disciples by telling others about Jesus that they might know Him; intentionally nurturing them in God's Word and prayer by the power of God's Spirit that they would grow into spiritual maturity, and seeing them participate in God's Kingdom work by repeating the entire process in others also.

In summary, Jesus is the True Vine: Abide in Him. A Christian who abides in Jesus Christ has made Him his Lord . The fruit is seen in his transformed character and obedience to Jesus' command to make disciples.



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Praise and Worship Team

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ANNOUNCEMENT

See you at our worship service at Charis Camp and Convention Center, Chilliwack, for our IDR Family Camp. There won't be a service at Douglas College this coming Sunday.

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