

Abide in the Vine

"...apart from Me you can do nothing"

John 15:1-11

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Background of the Analogy

1. The _____ is portrayed as God's vine
Psalm 80:8-9; Jeremiah 2:21; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 12:10-13; Ezekiel 15; 19:10-14; Hosea 10:1
2. The _____ is portrayed as God's vine
Isaiah 27:2, 6
3. The Messiah is portrayed as a _____
Isaiah 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5

What does it mean to "abide in Me"?

1. Personally united to Jesus Christ by _____
It is the Father who, as the divine Gardener, has grafted us into Christ. It is Christ, by His Word, who has cleansed us to fit us for union with Himself. All is sovereign, all is of grace.
2. Being _____ to Jesus Christ
In a nutshell, abiding in Christ means allowing His Word to fill our minds, direct our wills, and transform our affections.
3. Being _____ for Jesus Christ who died in our place
v. 9 - "Abide in My love" - We must never allow ourselves to drift from daily contemplation of the cross as the irrefutable demonstration of that love, or from dependence on the Spirit who sheds it abroad in our hearts. Furthermore, remaining in Christ's love comes to very concrete expression: simple obedience rendered to Him is the fruit and evidence of love for Him.
4. Submitting to _____ in the circumstances of life
We are called, as part of the abiding process, to submit to the pruning knife of God in the providences by which He cuts away all disloyalty and sometimes all that is unimportant, in order that we might remain in Christ all the more wholeheartedly.

The Analogy Players - v. 1

1. The Vinedresser is _____
2. The True Vine is _____
3. The Fruit-Bearing Branch is _____
4. The Fruitless Branch is _____

The Work of the Vinedresser - v. 2

His objective is FRUIT - What then is FRUIT? Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 13:15; Eph. 5:8-10; John 4:35-36

1. He _____ every branch that _____ bear fruit

2. He _____ every branch that _____ bear fruit

The Message to those abiding in Christ - v. 3-5

1. You are _____

2. You are to _____

3. You are _____ upon the vine for bearing _____

The Message to those not abiding in Christ - v. 6

1. You will be _____

2. You will be _____

3. You will be _____

The Blessings of Abiding in Christ - v. 7-11

1. You will have the _____

2. You will be _____ with the will of the Father

3. Your fruit-bearing will _____

4. You will be _____ by obeying His Word

5. You will be _____

Implications

1. Believers - _____

2. Unbelievers - _____