

In the Vine- Session 2

Bible Study

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 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.”
John 15:1-2

Jesus describes Himself as “the true vine” and those who have become His disciples as “the branch”. By remaining attached to Him as the SOURCE of life, they produce fruit. God is the gardener who takes care of the branches in order that they may bear fruit. God expects all of us to bear fruit.

Jesus speaks of two categories of branches: fruitless and fruitful.

The branches that cease to bear fruit are those who no longer have the life in them that comes from enduring faith in and love for Christ. These “branches” the Father severs from the vine. He separates them from vital union with Christ. When they stop remaining in Christ, they cease having life; thus they are severed and thrown into the fire.

The branches that bear fruit are those who have life in them because of their enduring faith in and love for Christ. These “branches” the Father prunes that they will become more fruitful; like pruning roses. He removes from their lives anything that diverts or hinders the vital life flow of Christ into them. The fruit is the quality of Christian character that brings glory to God through life and witness.

Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:21 “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

It is no longer me that lives, it is Christ, who lives out through my flesh.

My being lives by the faith of the Son of God because it is the Son of God who is living through me.

I will not frustrate God by trying to continue to live in the flesh with my stinking thinking. But I will surrender all and step aside so Christ can live through this body.

Matthew 3:8 “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:”

Matthew 3:10 “And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”

Matthew 7:20 “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Romans 6:22 *"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."*

Ephesians 5:26 *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."*

We branches must get our daily washing of water or we will die. Our daily washing of the WORD of GOD.

Galatians 5:22-23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is*

Love, = "To have benevolence or good will for." ¹

Joy, = "is a delight of the mind, from the consideration of the present or assured approaching possession of a good." ²

Peace, = "In a general sense, a state of quiet or tranquility; freedom from disturbance or agitation; applicable to society, to individuals, or to the temper of the mind." ³

Longsuffering, = "Bearing injuries or provocation for a long time; patient; not easily provoked." ⁴

Gentleness, = "Softness of manners; mildness of temper; sweetness of disposition; meekness." ⁵

Goodness, = "The state of being good; the physical qualities which constitute value, excellence or perfection; as the *goodness* of timber; the *goodness* of a soil. The moral qualities which constitute Christian excellence; moral virtue; religion." ⁶

Faith, = "Belief; the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another, resting on his authority and veracity, without other evidence; the judgment that what another states or testifies is the truth." ⁷

Meekness, = "Softness of temper; mildness; gentleness; forbearance under injuries and provocations. Humility; resignation; submission to the divine will, without murmuring or peevishness; opposed to pride, arrogance and refractoriness." ⁸

Temperance: = "Moderation; particularly, habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions; restrained or moderate indulgence; as *temperance* in eating and drinking; *temperance* in the indulgence of joy or mirth. *Temperance* in eating and drinking is opposed to gluttony and drunkenness, and in other indulgences, to excess." ⁹

against such there is no law."

Philippians 1:11 *"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."*

1 Peter 1:22 *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned** love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"*

Unfeigned love is not counterfeit, not hypocritical, it is real, and it is sincere

Jeremiah 10:23 *"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."*

Proverbs 3:1-4 *"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake*

thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

*Proverbs 3:5-6 "**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;** and lean not unto thine own understanding. In **all** thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

*Proverbs 3:7-8 "**Be not wise in thine own eyes:** fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones."*

1. – 9. American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828

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1. Who is the true vine?
2. Who is the husbandman or gardener?
3. What does the husbandman do to the branch that doesn't bear fruit?
4. Does this mean that, that branch never had fruit or that they stopped bearing fruit?
5. What does the husbandman do the branch that bear fruit?
6. Why would he purgeth it?
7. Why would God want us to bring forth more fruit?
8. What is this fruit we are to bring forth?
9. Are you bearing fruit?
10. If not repent now and pray that God will reveal to you what needs to be purged from your life and do it.