

I AM the true Vine

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Psalm 80:7-9 (NKJV)

Psa 80:7 Turn us again, O God of Hosts, and cause Your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psa 80:8 **You have brought a vine out of Egypt**; You have cast out the nations and planted it.

Psa 80:9 You cleared before it, and caused it to take deep root; and it filled the land.

What is this vine that the Psalmist writes about.

Prophetic Psalm.

John 15:1-5 (NKJV)

Joh 15:1 I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

Joh 15:2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away. And every one that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bring forth more fruit.

Joh 15:3 Now you are clean through the Word which I have spoken to you.

Joh 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

Joh 15:5 I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Abide in Christ or die

You live to the degree that you live in Christ.

That which is in the vine manifests through the branches.

A detached branch dies.

We see that it is not the salvation of a sinner that is the subject treated here, but the path of a disciple, in order that he may fully enjoy the love of Christ, and that his heart may be unclouded in the place where joy is found. Jesus uses examples that they can relate to. He meets them where they are.

Jesus makes several "I AM" statements.

He said of Himself, I AM the:

- Bread of life
- Light of the world
- The Gate
- Good Shepherd
- Resurrection and the Life
- Way and the Truth and the Life
- Before Abraham was, I AM
- True Vine

The caring takes place from heaven, God Himself tends to the lives of those who choose Him.

The caring is not done by earthen vessels, but Heaven.

Remain in Me:

To remain means to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry

God has called you for His own glory, to bear fruit, but it can only be done one way.
The fruit of the Spirit will be evident in those who remain in Him.

Abide in me - Remain united to me by a living faith – Faith = verb, AMAN.
If the branch should be cut off an instant, it would die and be fruitless.

It is not how you start, but how you finish with God that is important.

If you are separated from me, ye can do nothing at all.
God can do without man, but man cannot do without God.

How to abide in Christ:

1. Live a surrendered lifestyle to the Holy Spirit
2. Live a life faithful to His Word
3. Live a life dependent upon God
4. Embrace God's character & principles in your life
5. Spend sufficient time with the LORD