

Abide In Me (John 15v1-11)

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John 15v1-11 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“Abide in me, and I in you” – John 15:1-11

ESSENTIAL MEANING

“Abide in me. Cling to me. Stick fast to me. Live the life of close and intimate communion with me. Get nearer and nearer to me. Roll every burden on me, Cast your whole weight on me. Never let go your hold on me for a moment.” (R.C. Ryle)

“To be so personally and hopelessly in love with [him] that the idea of a transfer of affection never even remotely exists.” (A.W. Tozer)

CONTINUOUS PURPOSE

“There are no true Christians without some measure of fruit. Fruitfulness is an infallible mark of true Christianity” (D.A. Carson)

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Gal. 5:22,23)

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you...” (John 15:7)

“If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love.” (John 15:10)

END RESULT

“That my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”
(John 15:11)

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” (Julian of Norwich)

Reference Verses: Psalm 80:7-16; Jn.14:16; 1 Cor. 6:19; Acts 2:37,38; Mich. 6:8; Gal. 5:22,23; Psalm 18:30; Luke 10:20

