

I AM THE TRUE VINE
I AM JESUS
JOHN 15:1-11
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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. ¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:1-11

What does "I AM the True Vine" reveal to me?

I am the true vine... John 15:1a

"You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land." Psalm 80:8-9

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines... Isaiah 5:1b

...and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. Isaiah 5:2c

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Isaiah 5:4a

Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How then have you turned degenerate and become a wild vine. Jeremiah 2:21

Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built; as his country improved, he improved his pillars. Their heart is false... Hosea 10:1-2a

God does not **EXPECT ME** to be the vine.

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. John 15:2

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree... Romans 11:17

God **GRAFTS** believers into the **VINE** as a branch.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. Colossians 2:13-14

As a fruit-bearing branch, God **PRUNES** me so I will **BEAR MUCH FRUIT**.

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.** John 15:2

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8

What should my response be?

REPENT of trying to be the **VINE** myself.

³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. John 15:3

TRUST the **VINEDRESSER** and His **PURPOSES**.

REMAIN in Jesus, in His **WORD**, and in His **LOVE**.

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. John 15:5

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11