

I Am the Vine **August 21, 2022**

“Connected with Jesus in His love, I am more than a conqueror; without Him, I am nothing. Like railway tickets in America, I am not good or valid if detached.” - Corrie Ten Boom

John 15:1-4, *“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 bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.”*

Proverbs 1:31, *“So they shall eat the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices.”*

Satiated: to be satisfied with the filling and even overflowing of appetites and desires

Devices: plans and principles

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

John 15:5-9, *“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are 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 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.”*

Abide: to remain, to dwell, to not depart, to continue to be present

Revelation 2:10, *“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

Matthew 3:8, *“Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.”*

Hebrews 12:11, *“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”*

Colossians 1:5-6, *“The word of truth, the gospel...is constantly bearing fruit and increasing.”*

Colossians 3:16, *“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching.”*

Luke 8:11-15, *“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. ¹² Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”*

Matthew 21:43, *“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.”*