

Connected to Jesus

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John 15:1-8, *“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. ⁵ 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.”*

1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Luke 13:5, *“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”*

Acts 2:38, *“Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

Galatians 3:27, *“All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”*

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

1. Pray and Communicate with Jesus

Hebrews 4:15-16, *“We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

2. Worship Jesus

Romans 12:1, *“Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”*

1 Samuel 16:14;23, *“Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him. ²³ So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it, and the evil spirit would depart.”*

4. Body Life and Serving One Another

1 Corinthians 12:12;20-22;26-27, *“The body is one, yet has many members, so also is Christ. ²⁰ Now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”*

1 Peter 4:10, *“Serve one another as good stewards of the grace of God.”*

5. Follow the Life and Teachings of Jesus

Matthew 6:14-15, *If you forgive others for their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

2 Peter 1:5-8, *“In your faith supply moral excellence, in your moral excellence, supply knowledge, ⁶ in your knowledge, supply self-control, in your self-control, supply perseverance, in your perseverance, supply godliness, in your godliness, supply brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, supply love. ⁸ If these qualities are yours and increasing, you are neither useless nor unfruitful in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

2 Peter 1:11, *“For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ.”*

Disciple: a learner and follower of Christ’s teachings who lives the required lifestyle. one who is constantly associated with Jesus.

Matthew 28:18-20, *“Jesus said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.”*