

Become An Abiding Branch

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John 15:1~11

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<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

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- ◆ These men had believed that Israel was the true vine (Isaiah 51:1~7)
- ◆ True blessings and connection with God would come through Christ now
- ◆ How many of us miss Christ because He's not the Jesus we want?
- ◆ Don't be troubled; you have Me and I am the true source of blessing and the true way to God
- ◆ Verse 1 already calls for a response to Christ

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## John 15:2

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

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- ◆ Jesus is talking about a living union with a living God through Christ
- ◆ Lots of talk about fruit here; specifically, how fruitful we are
- ◆ A progression to much fruit
- ◆ Don't be troubled ~ the whole point of you being here is to bear much fruit through pruning

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## Titus 2:14

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<sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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- ◆ Pruning is talked about a lot
- ◆ Being cut back (the healthy and the unhealthy) to produce more fruit
- ◆ We are troubled about our meaning here/in life because:
- ◆ We don't want to be pruned
- ◆ We resent pruning
- ◆ We try to avoid pruning

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- ◆ How does God prune us?
- ◆ Time~ Isaiah 43:18
- ◆ Exposure~ Psalm 139:23~24; I Cor. 4:5
- ◆ Conviction~ John 16:8
- ◆ Providence~ Job 1:21 [Job!]
- ◆ Suffering~ James 1:2~4
- ◆ God's “severe mercies”
- ◆ Don't be troubled~ our Father is using all of these things to cause us to bear much fruit

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## John 15:3~4

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<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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.

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## John 15:5~6

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<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

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- ◆ Abide: To draw life from something; a place of existence/dwelling; of rest and shelter at all times
- ◆ How do we know if we are abiding?
- ◆ Bearing fruit
- ◆ Pruning

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- ◆ Vibrant prayer life
- ◆ Deeper love for Christ
- ◆ Joy
- ◆ Don't be troubled ~ living everyday with Me gives meaning to you by bearing fruit
- ◆ Seeds of reproduction nourishment for others

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## John 15:7

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<sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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- ◆ His words abide in us
- ◆ If Christ is in us, He speaks with authority
- ◆ Memorize
- ◆ Believe
- ◆ Let it be alive with deep roots
- ◆ Jesus in us valued above all others
- ◆ Prayer isn't for us; it's for us to be committed to God's designs

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- ◆ Does pruning always hurt?
- ◆ Yes ~ by design and with a purpose

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- ◆ What is troubling you?
- ◆ Do not let your heart be troubled
- ◆ Abide:
- ◆ Are you abiding with Christ?
- ◆ Is God's word abiding in you?

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- ◆ Pruning:
- ◆ Are you being pruned?
- ◆ Are you being fruitful?
- ◆ Are you desiring God's glory through the products of your life?

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# Marriage and Family Ministry

## BLUEPRINTS:

Roundtable Discussion

CONTINUES May 6!

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Weekend to Remember

May 18-20 @ a Group Rate

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See the bulletin for all the  
details...




**<<<COMING SOON>>>**

***PENITAS Mission Trip***

***6/3 - 6/8***

***MUST REGISTER by 5/23***

***\$240***



If you are interested in  
baby or family dedication,  
Please email us by tomorrow

We will continue next  
Sunday with dedications!

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# SENIOR RECOGNITION

A faded background image of a graduation cap with a tassel. The cap is black with a red band, and the tassel is made of yellow and blue threads.

Sunday, May 27

Congrats to the  
Class of 2012!

Email us to participate...

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