

## Avoid becoming a *Withered Branch*

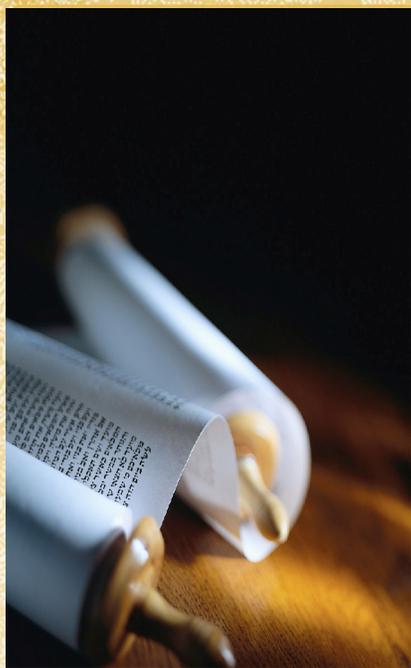
### Remain United within the True Vine

I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me, you can't do a thing. Unless a person remains united with me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they are burned up. (John 15:5-6) Jewish New Testament JNT

**John the Baptist stated that the axe is laid at the root of the trees, hence to completely destroy the *worthless* branch!!**

Yeshua stated: "Just as my Father has loved me, I too have loved you; so stay in my love. If you keep my commands, you will stay in my love. Just as I have kept my Father's commands and stay in His love. I have said this to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy be complete.

**Question:** What is Yeshua's command? "That you keep on loving each other as I have loved you." (John 15:13) JNT



### The Axe is laid at the Rook of the Trees!!

John the Baptist preached that "the axe is laid unto the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (Matthew 3:10) KJV In the natural vine there is strength and sustenance; branches attached to the vine are able to receive strength and sustenance. An unattached branch will wither within a very short time and is rendered useless! Mankind useless without being attached to Yeshua the True Vine. **Question:** How do we become attached to Yeshua? We become attached to Yeshua via repentance that ultimately brings about a changed mind and heart to live a moral life ordained by the LORD God.

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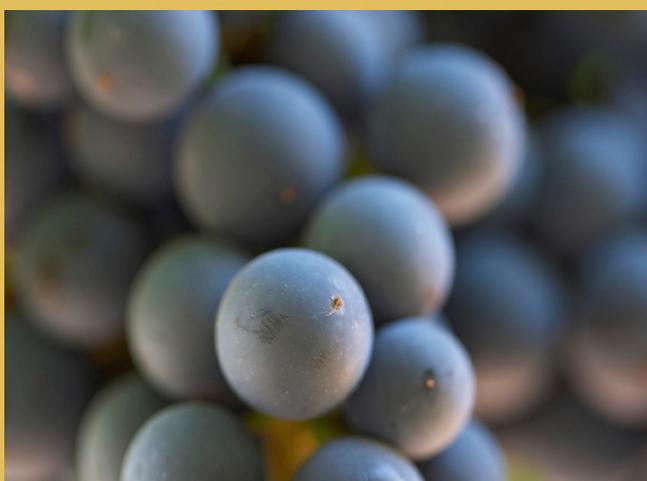
The LORD God loved His creation, and sent Yeshua to be the blood sacrifice for mankind; and whosoever believes will be saved (paraphrased) (John 3:16) **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (I John 1:9) KJV

## Bear much Fruit

Abide in the True Vine  
John 15:1-11 KJV

I [Yeshua] am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the true vine, ye are the branches.** He that abideth in me, and I in him, **the same bringeth forth much fruit**, for without me ye can do nothing.

**If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is a withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love. **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**



*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. And they that are Yeshua's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*  
*Galatians (5:22-24) KJV*  
**Yeshua spoke of love & joy in John 15**

## Repentance is Foremost

Yeshua stated that we are to bear much fruit. In order to bear much fruit, pruning is necessary. Yeshua stated that He is the True Vine and His Father, the One True and Living God is the Husbandman. The Father is the vinedresser. In order for mankind to **continuously produce**, he must be attached to Yeshua.

**After repentance (genuinely sorry for evil works & a willingness to obey the LORD) the convert must diligently and continuously delve into the Word of the LORD [Yeshua].** In doing so, the Word of the LORD cleanses and causes the believer to crucify the flesh [see Galatians 5:19-21), thus rendering the believer as pruned, well-groomed and bearing fruits of the Spirit.

## The Seed/The Word

### Matthew 13: 19-23

- **Seed by the way side:** Individual hears the Word of the LORD & allows the wicked one to snatch the sown Word from his heart.
- **Seed received into stony places:** Individual hears the Word with joy, but has no root and is offended when tribulation and persecution arises.
- **Seed received among thorns:** Individual hears the Word, but allows the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and becomes unfruitful.
- **Seed received into good ground:** Individual hears and understands the Word and bears fruit some hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty.

According to Matthew 13, the Sower [LORD God] went forth to sow, some seeds fell by the wayside and were devoured by the fowls, some fell upon stony places without much earth and no depth, thereby the seed grew, but was scorched by the sun and withered. Some seed fell among thorns and were choked, but other seed fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirtyfold.



### Pruning Process

#### Do not Procrastinate! Dilligently Study the LORD God's Word and Allow His Word to Abide in You

Yeshua stated: *“**every** branch which is part of me, but **fails** to bear fruit, **He cuts off**”* (John 15:2) (Jewish New Testament JNT) It is not a good thing to be unproductive. Procrastination, negligence and blatant disobedience are contributors to a fallow heart. Diligently studying God's Word breaks up the fallow ground of the heart, and causes His Word to become rooted into the good soil of the heart. Yeshua stated: “Because of the word which I have spoken unto you, you are pruned.” (John 15:3) JNT

Abiding in Yeshua is a continuous process. A half-hearted attempt to read the Holy Scriptures on the Sabbath or Sunday is inadequate spiritual sustenance. The natural body is fed everyday and several times a day, but the spirit is left within a state of starvation!

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