



In Christ

What it means to be saved?

**In Christ: True Identity, Purpose
and Power**

John 15:1-6

“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.”

- John 15:1-6

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- John 15:5

The Main Idea: In Christ we find our True Identity, Purpose and Power

vss 3-4: True Identity: we are branches, not vines.

vss 4-5: True Purpose: we were made to be fruit-bearing branches.

vss 1-2, 5-6: True Power: He works in us to produce the 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.

- John 15:3-4

Abide in me, and I in you

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

- John 10:28

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- John 15:4-5

What do we learn about being “in Christ”

Our true identity: we are meant to be branches not vines.

Our true purpose: we were made to be fruit-bearing branches.

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- John 15:1-2, 5-6

MENO (Greek, verb) = Abide

to live, continue, or remain.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- Philippians 2:12-13

“To abide in Christ ... is to renounce all life independent of Christ, and constantly to look to Him for the inflow of His life into us, and the outworking of His life through us.”

—RA Torrey

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.

- John 15:10-11

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Our true power: He works in us and WITH us to produce the fruit.

