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## True Joy Comes from Abiding in Christ

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**Part 1 of 1**

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1) "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, 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, 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, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6) If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8) By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9) "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10) If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in

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His love. 11) “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

## John 15: 1-11 NKJV

## TANGIBLES

1. God's (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit) love for us is unfathomable and beyond our \_\_\_\_\_ to fully comprehend or fully explain.
2. Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and the way to eternal life, i.e. the verb, \_\_\_\_\_ and object.
3. God has graciously created us to be full participants in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Will.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is far more than merely being in His presence.
5. We are constantly being pruned in order to be more \_\_\_\_\_ (productive in God's cause).

6. Joy is not found in \_\_\_\_\_ the hazards of life; it is found in being a willful, deliberate, \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Will.
7. Christ is both our \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our nutrient.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ, we find ourselves void of the ability to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

## Additional Notes