

Jesus is the True Dependable Vine

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Jesus says to His disciples in the upper room on Maundy Thursday: *"I am the true (Dependable) vine, and My Father is the Gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."*

Who is the Most dependable person in your life?

How dependable are you?

When our best and most dependable friends or relatives fail us, Jesus is still there.

Jesus says that He is the TRUE VINE. The Greek Word -αληθινη - can also be translated as DEPENDABLE!

Jesus is always dependable, because He is both True God as well as True Man. By Him and through Him all things were made.

Vs. 5 – *I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.*

When we cut ourselves off from hearing and reading the Word of God as revealed to us in the Holy Bible, we cut ourselves off from Jesus.

To be cut off from Jesus leads to being withered and shriveled up in our faith. To those who allow their faith to become withered and shriveled up Jesus gives some strong words as He says:

Vs. 6 – *If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned.*

How do we stay connected to Jesus?

We stay connected to Jesus by reading and studying and hearing His Word. By regularly attending the Lord's Supper where we receive Christ's Body and Blood which are really present in / with and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Stay Connected to Jesus!