



- You Are the Branches
- John 15:1-17



- Vinedresser: “my Father” (vs. 1)
 - Isaiah 5:1-2: Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.



- Isaiah 27:6: In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit.
- Creator, maker, provider
 - Is. 5:4: What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?



- The True Vine = Jesus
 - "I Am" -
 - True: reality, substantive
 - True life, source of life. root.



- Branches
 - “I looked for it to yield grapes” (Is. 5:4)
 - God has a purpose for us, and expectations.
- Three specific ones mention to his disciples:
 - Bear fruit
 - Abide in Him
 - Love one another



- Bear Fruit (Isaiah 5...)
 - What does it mean?
 - Too often have a very narrow view: limit “real” fruit bearing to evangelism.
 - However, not really within our ability or God’s expectation
 - 1 Corinthians 3:7: So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.



Bear Fruit

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- Wild grapes, not bearing fruit (Isaiah 5:1-25)
 - violence, murder
 - oppression
 - covetousness (houses, fields)
 - partying, drinking
 - ignorance of God
 - lying, deceiving
 - moral turpitude, relativism
 - arrogance



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- Grapes, bearing fruit (Isaiah 5:1-25)
 - justice
 - righteousness
 - contentment, generosity
 - filled with Spirit
 - knowledge of God
 - truth, obedience
 - righteousness
 - wisdom from God



Bear Fruit

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.**

Galatians 5:22-23



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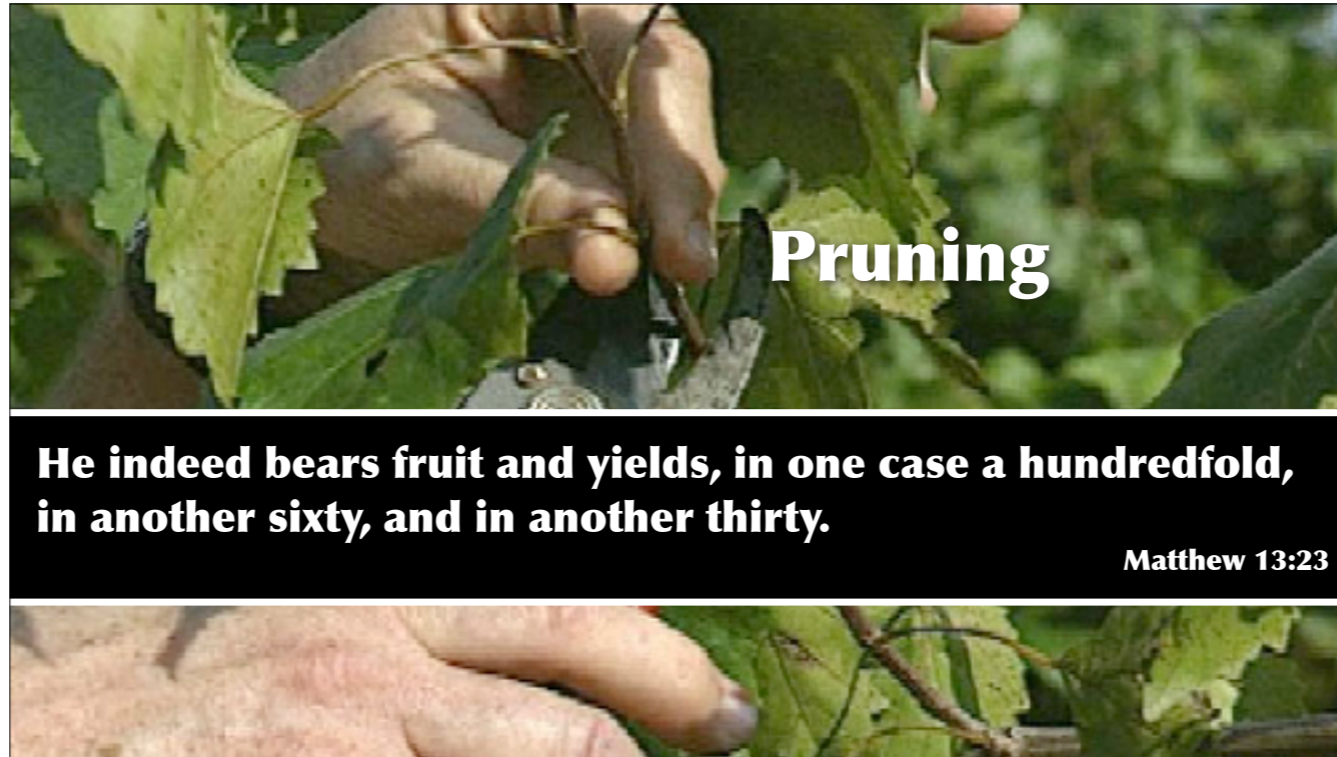
- Takes Away (2)
 - (6): thrown away
 - (6) withers
 - (6) gathered, thrown into fire, burned



- Hebrews 6:7-8 (ESV Strong's) 7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.



- Prunes (2)
 - bear more fruit
 - How do I react when things become difficult?
 - Acceptance, knowing it's making us better?
 - Questioning of God
 - Quitting
 - Turning away



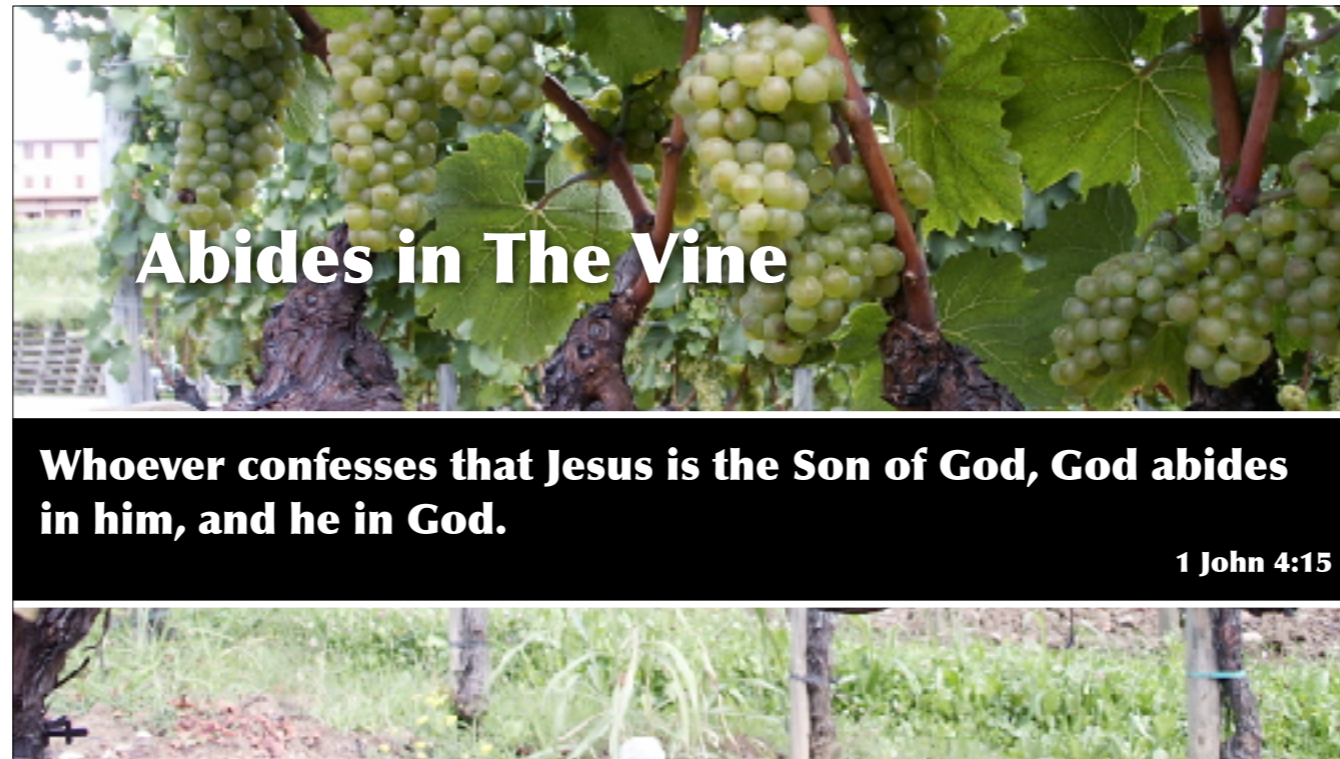
- Matthew 13:23: As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.
- Matthew 13:20-21: As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and **when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word**, immediately he falls away.



- Bearing fruit is having a godly character and living a godly life in this world.
 - choosing right
 - living up to the purpose and expectations our Father has for us.
 - Character like His
 - Live like Him



- Abides in the Vine

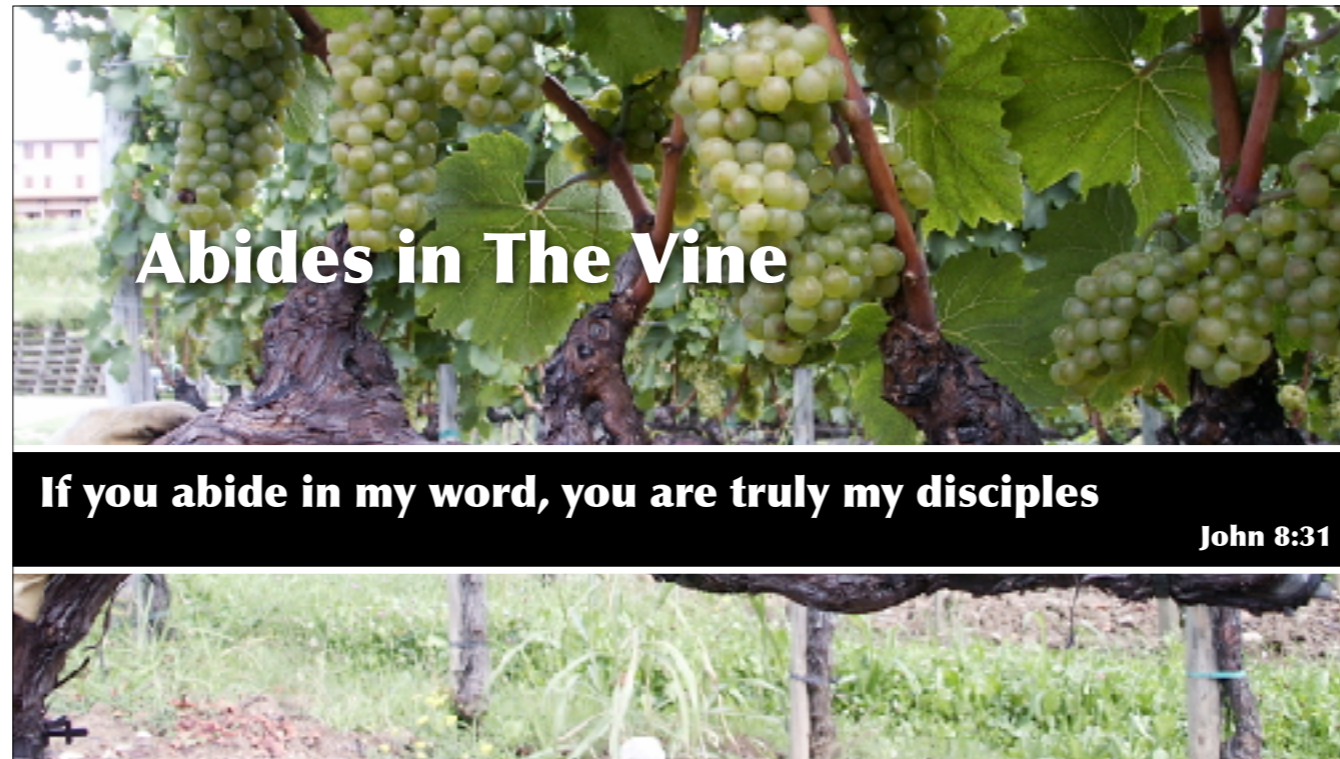


Abides in The Vine

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 4:15

- Confess: profession of allegiance, submission
 - 1 John 4:15-16 (ESV) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



- Teaching
 - John 8:31-32 (ESV) 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:9



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Abides in The Vine

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

John 6:56

- Feeds and Drinks
 - John 6:53-58 (ESV) 56 **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”



By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:5-6



- Walk
 - 1 John 2:5-6 (ESV) but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



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1 John 2:5-6



- 1 John 3:6 (ESV) No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.
- 1 John 3:9 (ESV) No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.



Abides in The Vine

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1 John 2:5-6



- 1 John 3:24 (ESV) Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.



Abides in The Vine

If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:12

- Love
 - 1 John 2:10 (ESV) Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.
 - 1 John 4:12 (ESV) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.



- To Abide in the Vine
 - United with Jesus in every aspect of your life.
 - Without Him you can do nothing!
 - Relationship
- 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.



- Love One Another



- Taught
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (ESV) 9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,



- 1 John 3:11 (ESV) 11 For this is the message that you have **heard from the beginning**, that we should love one another.
- 1 John 3:23 (ESV) And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as **he has commanded us**.



- 1 John 4:7 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for **love is from God**, and whoever loves has been **born of God** and **knows God**.
- 1 John 4:11-12 (ESV) 11 Beloved, **if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another**. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.



- Correct Attitude
 - Romans 12:10 (ESV) Love one another with **brotherly** affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
 - Ephesians 4:2 (ESV) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **bearing with one another in love,**



- 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV) Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another **earnestly** from a **pure heart**,
- 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) Above all, keep loving one another **earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins.



- Actions: Doing
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Love One Another

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

Hebrews 10:24



- Consider
 - Hebrews 10:24 (ESV) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,



- Serve One Another
 - Galatians 5:13-15 (ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.



- Covers sins
 - 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.



- Does no wrong to a neighbor
 - Romans 13:8-10 (ESV) Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



Love One Another

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

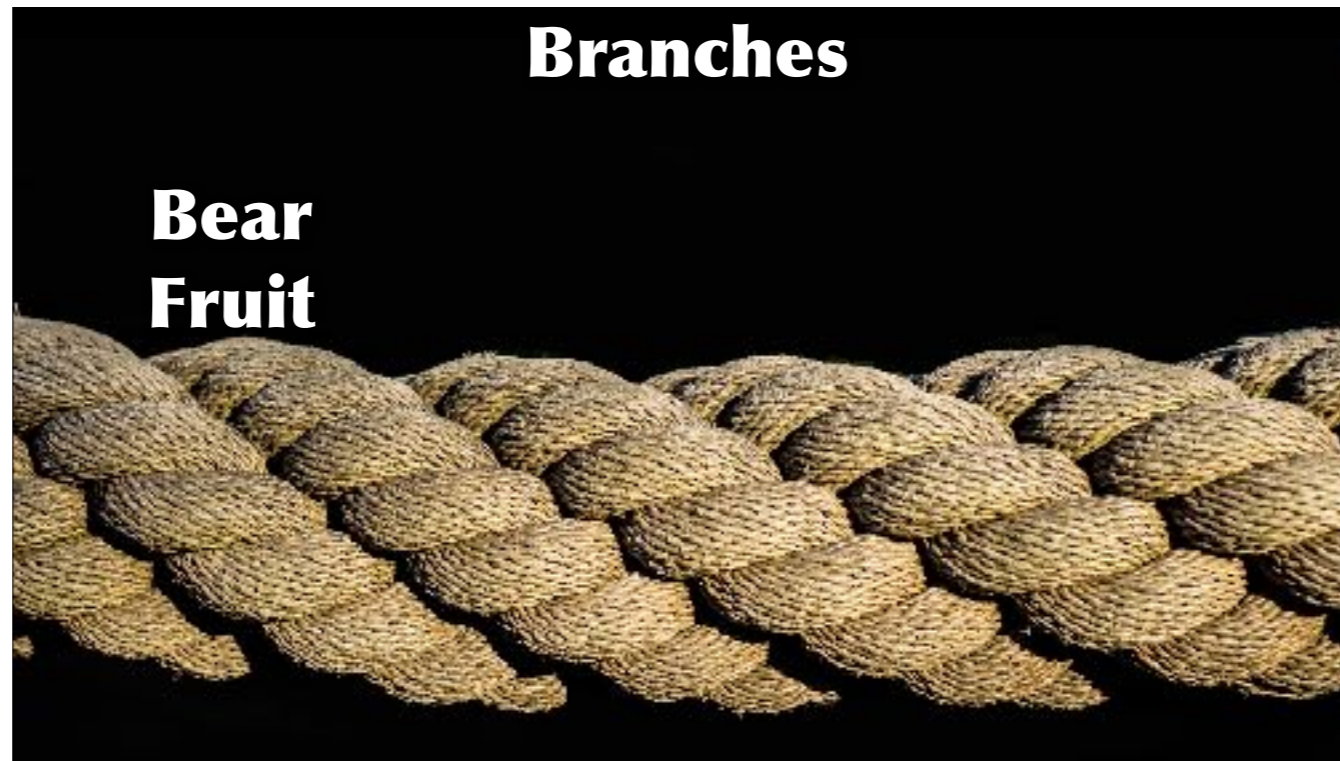
John 13:35



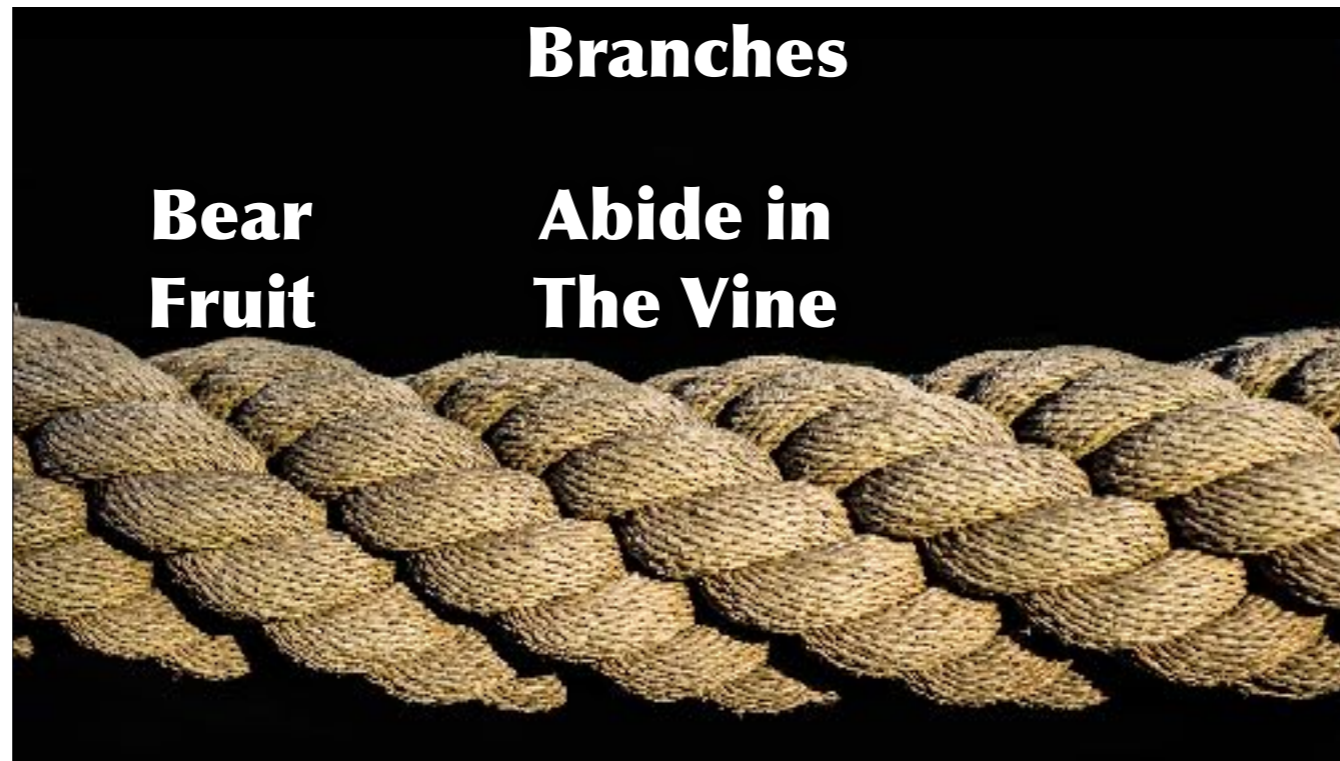
- Know you are my disciples
 - John 13:34-35 (ESV) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.“



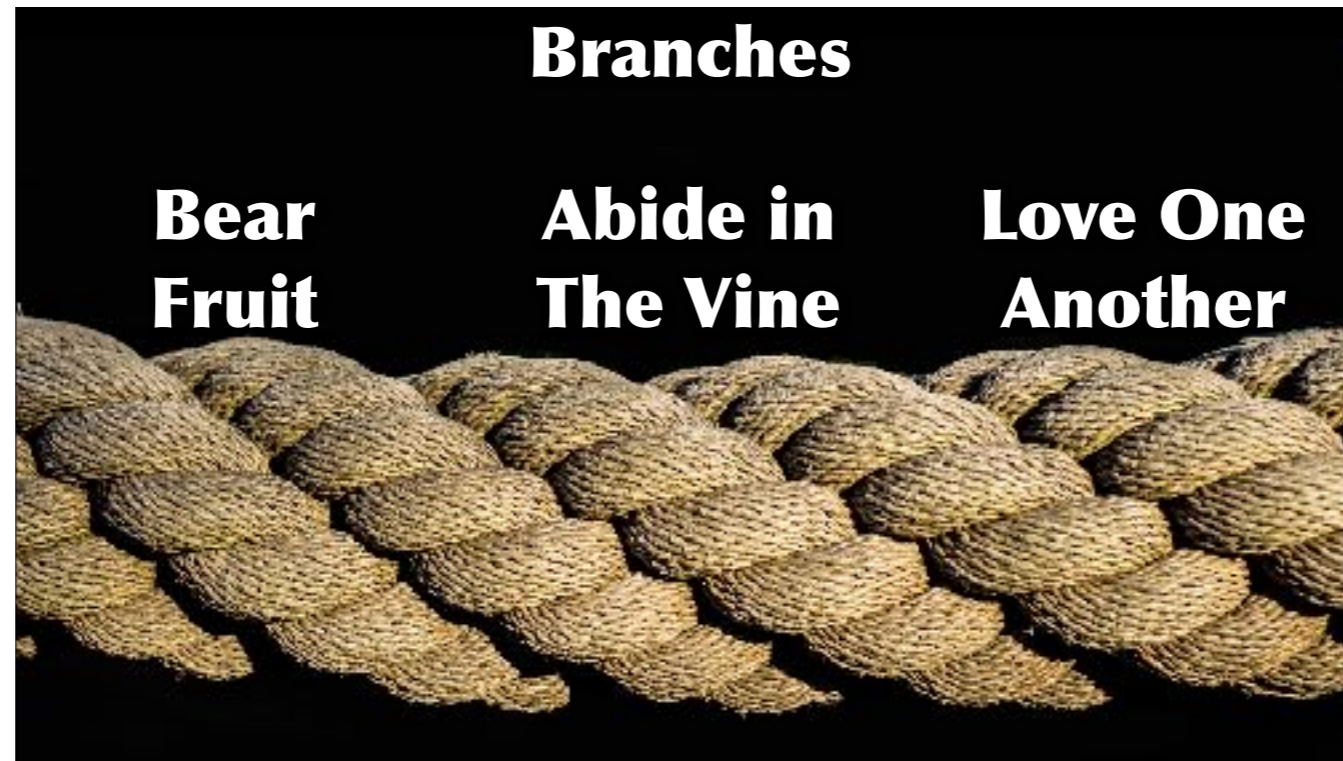
- Do I love you?
 - How do I demonstrate my love for you?
 - Looking for ways to serve you.
 - Considering how I can help you serve God and do what is right.
 - Sincerely and earnestly



- Am I bearing fruit?
 - Intentional!
 - Character like the Vine
 - Walk like the Vine
 - different members, one body: all have roles
 - What fruit are you bearing in Jesus? for Jesus?



- Abide in The Vine
 - Where do I abide?
- Abide in Christ or in the world?



- Love One Another
 - Am I really loving my brother / sister?
 - Thinking and Acting

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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