

Introduction:

- **John 15:5-8, NKJV** *"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. 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. If **you abide in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples".*
- Jesus said if His Words abide in us and we abide in Him we will bear much fruit, We are going to look at some scriptures that discuss this Word Jesus speaks of.
- The Blood of the New Covenant that I shared about on Sunday (*during communion*) has given the Word access into our Hearts.
 - **Hebrews 8:10, NKJV** *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people"*

I. The Word at the Beginning

- A. We know that at the beginning God spoke and created all that we know.
 1. Hebrews 11:3, NKJV *"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible".*
 2. John 1:1-5, NKJV *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."*
 3. John 1:14, NKJV *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth"*
- B. The Eternal Word became flesh, became one of us, lived here with us, and He spoke to us, and He asks us to let the Words He spoke abide in us, and for us to abide in His Word.
- C. Colossians 1:16-17, NKJV *"For **by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created **through Him and for Him**. And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist**."*
- D. Are you starting to see why it is important to Abide in Him?

II. The Word Holds Everything Together

- A. Hebrews 1:1-3, NKJV *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days **spoken to us** by His Son,*

whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds**; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by **the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

III. The Word Produces

- A. The Parable of the Sower, Mark 4, shows that the fruit of the Kingdom is produced by sowing
 - 1. Mark 4:14, NKJV *"The sower sows **the word.**"*
 - 2. As we abide in the Word and the Word abides in us we will naturally begin to sow the Word which produces Fruit
- B. The works of the Flesh and the Fruit of the Spirit are described in Galatians 5
 - 1. If we are finding that more of the works of the flesh are manifesting in our lives than the fruit of the Spirit we need to take a look at whether we have been abiding and what we have been sowing or allowing to be sowed in our lives.
- C. Also, what have we been sowing in the lives of the people around us?
 - 1. If we want to see more of the Kingdom of God we are going to have to sow more seed, sow more of the Word!
 - 2. Romans 12:2, NKJV *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*
 - 3. The world is trying to conform us to its desired image for us by its "word" and its message, but we as the Children of God must be listening to God's message.

IV. The Life Changing Word

- A. Back to John 15 where Jesus says *"I am the vine, you are the branches."*
- B. Romans 11 refers to us being branches grafted into the Vine.
 - 1. Romans 11:16-18, NKJV *"For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and **if the root is holy, so are the branches.** And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them **became a partaker of the root** and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you"*
- C. Some interesting things from reading up on grafting.
 - 1. "Grafting is used by nurseries for many reasons. The first and most important reason is to produce a plant variety **identical to the original source.**"; "Once a tree has been grafted, the fruit it produces will be identical to that of the original tree. You can even use the branches of a grafted tree to graft even more trees!" (laidbackgardener.blog/2021/04/06/why-are-fruit-trees-grafted/)

2. "Grafting commonly influences the phenotype of the grafted plants, including changes in fruit quality, resistance to pests and pathogens, tolerance to adversity and stress, and other physiological disorders. The vegetative fruit quality of scions[upper part of the joined plant] is commonly altered by the rootstocks after grafting." (<https://nph.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/nph.14383>)

D. Isaiah 55:10,11, NKJV *"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall **My word** be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But **it shall accomplish** what I please, And **it shall prosper** in the thing for which I sent it."*

- Isaiah 11:1, NKJV *"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots."*
- God planted His Root in the earth 2000 years ago and grafted us into it, and He will have His fruit. He set out to produce—sons and daughters of the Living God, made in His image and His likeness—God will have what He desires!

Conclusion:

- God Spoke His Eternal Word at the beginning
- The same Word continues to Hold everything together.
- The same Word brings forth fruit for His Glory
- The same Word changes and transforms us
- Let us not neglect the wonderful Word of God, read it everyday, meditate on it, receive it, speak it, act on it, live it, **Abide in it!**