

# JESUS IS

## our strength

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*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."* (John 15:1-5)

INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Strength

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Source

JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

*"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."* (John 1:9)

*"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven."* (John 6:32)

JESUS IS THE ONLY SOURCE FOR THE BRANCH

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Servant

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Strength

### A. \_\_\_\_\_

#### BRANCHES NOT BEARING FRUIT

*“Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.” (Luke 8:18)*

#### BRANCHES BEARING FRUIT

**Definition:** *purgeth*—to cleanse, of filth impurity, to prune trees and vines from useless shoots.

**Quote:** “The branches of the autumn will well repay each stroke of that keen edge with fuller, richer fruit. So we gain by loss; we live as we die; the inward man is renewed as the outward decays.” —**F.B. Meyer**

### B. \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** *clean*—pure; physically; purified by fire

*“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)*

*“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)*

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Strength

### A. Abiding Brings \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** *abide*—to remain, to tarry and not depart, to continue or wait

**Quote:** “What does it mean to “abide”? It means to keep in fellowship with Christ so that His life can work in and through us to produce fruit.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

## HOW WE ABIDE IN CHRIST

### 1. We Must Be Secure in His Salvation

*“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

### 2. We Must Remain in His Love

*“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” (John 15:9)*

**Quote:** “This abiding relationship is natural to the branch and the vine, but it must be cultivated in the Christian life. It is not automatic. Abiding in Christ demands worship, meditation on God’s Word, prayer, sacrifice, and service—but what a joyful experience it is! Once you have begun to cultivate this deeper communion with Christ, you have no desire to return to the shallow life of the careless Christian.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

### 3. We Must Remain under His Leading

*“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)*

**Quote:** “Obey every impulse of the Holy Spirit.”

## B. Abiding Brings \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Our union with Christ is a living union, so we may bear fruit.”

*“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:7-9)*

*“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” (Psalm 1:3)*

#### THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*

#### THE FRUIT OF SOULS

*“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:8)*

### CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

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*“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”  
(Philippians 4:13)*



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