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“Victory in the Vine”

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

The Father’s Care

John 15:1-2 – (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 does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

The Son’s Care

John 15:3-5 – (3) “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. (4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. (5) I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

The Sad Consequence

John 15:6 – “If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

Ours is not to reason why, ours is to choose to abide.

Sweet Victory of ‘Abiders’

John 15:7-11 – (7) “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (8) By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (9) As the Father has loved me, so have I 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 his love. (11) These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Considerations:

- (1) The Same Care that the Father demonstrated towards the son he administers to us.**
- (2) Christianity is about position not personal perfection.**
- (3) Fruitfulness is for the benefit of the Father.**
- (4) The Water of the Word makes us Fruitful.**

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) What impacted me most from this message?**
- (2) What is a basic New Testament definition of Christian duty? (1 John 2:28)**
- (3) Am I aware of the danger of leaving my “proper dwelling”? (Jude 1:6; Ps. 37:3; Heb. 3:12; Is. 1:4)**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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