Overview

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The Gardener

The True Vine

THE VINE = ISRAEL

Vine=Israel

"Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 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. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes…?

Vine=Israel

"And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. **For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel**, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!"

(Isaiah 5:1–7 ESV)

Vine=Israel

"In that day, 'A pleasant vineyard, sing of it! I, the LORD, am its keeper; every moment I water it. Lest anyone punish it, I keep it night and day; I have no wrath'… In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit."

(Isaiah 27:2–6 ESV)

Vine=Israel

"For long ago I broke your yoke and burst your bonds; but you said, 'I will not serve.' Yes, on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed down like a whore. Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How then have you turned degenerate and become a wild vine?"

(Jeremiah 2:20–21 ESV)

Psalm 80

"Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and **planted it**. You **cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land**. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its **branches**. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way **pluck its fruit**? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts!

Psalm 80

Look down from heaven, and see; **have regard for this vine**, the stock that **your right hand planted**, and **for the son whom you made strong for yourself**. They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the **son of man whom you have made strong for yourself**! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!"

(Psalms 80:1–19 ESV)

The Branches

Abiding in the True Vine

- What is the **Nature** Abiding in Christ?

- What are the **Results** of Abiding in Christ?

- **How** Can We Abide in Christ?

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

– J. Piper