

## The Vine – Part 1

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John 15:1-8

Why did Jesus use this analogy to explain our relationship to Himself and to the Father? If you study the Word of God (the Bible) you'll see that figures of speech, metaphors and analogies were used often to explain spiritual matters. Jesus used this method a lot when explaining the Kingdom of Heaven and He nearly always used parables when speaking to the multitudes so He could explain the truth in a manner that the enemy could not understand. And in doing so, He fulfilled Scripture (Ps 78:2). Anyone who did not have 'eyes to see' simply wouldn't get it (Mth 13:10-17, 34-35). Ezekiel explains what it means to have 'eyes to see' verses what it means to have 'eyes that cannot see'...

*Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for **they are a rebellious house**.*  
Ezek 12:2

Those who are part of Satan's rebellion are blind to spiritual truth: they have eyes but they cannot see. As Paul explained...

- 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*  
*4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*  
*5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*  
*6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*  
2 Cor 4:3-6

Indeed, parables were often used by Jesus as well as analogies, metaphors... figures of speech. We still use this method in our society and in every day conversations. We often say that it is 'raining cats and dogs' but can you even explain why that expression is used to say that it's raining heavily? That's just one example of many figures of speech and a study of the Bible reveals analogies and metaphors is a very common teaching method because it's so successful. It really helps to put a picture in people's mind; they understand when they can relate it to something they know very well. To understand more about Figures of Speech, you can check out the book on *Figure of Speech* on the subject via this link: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/10> or you via the appendixes to the Companion Bible via this link: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12>.

So, when Jesus was explaining Himself, His Heavenly Father, and the Kingdom of Heaven, He used analogies and metaphors often. And the metaphor of the Vine is one Jesus did not make up Himself; it actually came from His Heavenly Father. In Isaiah 5 God explained how He established Israel as a nation, just as a man would establish a vineyard. This analogy explains Israel's history and is also spoken of in Ps 80:8-19. And anyone who's studied the Old Testament should know that Israel became rebellious while in the Promise Land and broke the Covenant they made with God (Ex 19-20, Jer 3). This is why they split into two kingdoms (1 Kings 11) and why they were eventually taken captive by, first by the Assyrians (2 Kings 18:9-12) and then later the Babylonians (2 Kings 25).

So, the metaphor in Isaiah 5 explains how, although God planted it and cultivated it perfectly, the vineyard produced wild grapes instead of good grapes. Wild means rebellious (Rom 11 uses this analogy too by the way). And, because they were rebellious, God took down the hedge around the vineyard down (protection) and allowed them to be 'eaten up', walls broken down (again protection was taken away), 'trodden down', laid waste and thorns and briars grew up there. This describes how Israel was infiltrated both spiritually and physically by the enemy, which Jesus explains clearly in the Parable of the Tares in Mth 13. The end result is that they were finally invaded by the Assyrians and then the Babylonians. But, it's important to note that we're told in Isa 5:7 that *Israel is the vineyard* and *Judah is the pleasant plant* of the vineyard. It's important because it explains why Jesus is using this analogy. Because Jesus came from the line of Judah through Mary's father, He therefore has the right to be the Vine. What Vine? The one that was prophesied of...

*1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots:*

*2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

*3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

*4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

*5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

Isa 11:1-5

This branch (Jesus) grew into the *true* Vine spoken of in John 15. Jesus is simply further continuing the analogy God began in Isaiah 5 but He's explaining how He is *repairing* that Vinyard. Let's look at it again...

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*7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*  
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John 15:1-8

Notice Jesus said He is the *true* Vine. That means there is a *false* vine somewhere. Remember, in the analogy of Isaiah 5 the vine brought forth wild grapes. Why? The Parable of the tares explains...

*37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*  
*38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but **the tares are the children of the wicked one;***  
*39 **The enemy that sowed them is the devil;** the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*  
*40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*  
*41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*  
*42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*  
*43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*  
Matt 13:37-43

The answer of how (and why) the vineyard (the world) was overtaken with wild grapes (rebelliousness) is clearly explained in this parable: an 'enemy' sewed wicked seed. Tares look identical to wheat until they begin to mature and they are terrible to have among your wheat crop because *they are poisonous*. This is why Jesus uses the analogy. He's explaining how dangerous

Satan's children are to God's children. Jesus bluntly states that the tares are the 'children of the wicked one'. Jesus points this out also in John 8:44. How did they get planted? It was clear back in the beginning, when God put Adam in the Garden of Eden. It was there that the enemy sewed the seed *in Eve's womb* and the child of Satan was born first: Cain. If this seems hard to swallow or is the first time you've ever heard of it, check out more Biblical documentation on this with an in-depth study on this called: The Parable of the Tares: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>). You'll see that Satan himself planted the 'seeds' of the tares by impregnating Eve and establishing his own 'chosen people' with whom he would use to fight God's chosen lineage. Cain's lineage is given separately from Adams (Gen 4) because Cain was not Adam's child.

Cain and Able were only half-brothers; they only shared the same mother, Eve. Adam's genealogy is given in Genesis 5 and does not mention Cain because Adam did not 'begat' him. But Adam's lineage was carried out through Seth, and then carried on through Noah (due to the purity of his blood line), then Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Israel. Meanwhile, Satan's child, Cain, moved to the land of 'Nod' (Gen 4:16) and began to establish Satan's 'kingdom on earth' by taking a wife from the area and starting his own family, which would grow into a race of its own. This was likely from an oriental race. If you look up the word 'Kenite' you'll see they are *a member of the tribe of Kajian (#7017)*, which is from the word 'Cain', which is #7014 *Kajian, the name of the first child, also of a place in Palestine, and of an Oriental tribe*. This certainly does not mean all Orientals are infiltrated by Cain's seed but a select group he chose to mingle with. Again, the Parable of the Tares study (link in the above paragraph) will give you more details on this.

So, this is how the 'false vine' got planted into this earth age, physically. But, as we shall see, there is much more to the 'vine' than the physical realm; it is spiritual as well. Let's look at that analogy in John 15 again...

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When Jesus explains the analogy of the vine in John 15, He plainly tells us that He is the *true* vine and His Father is the husbandman. He then goes on to say that any branch (person) that does not bear fruit will be cut off and those that do bear fruit will be purged (pruned) so that they bring forth more fruit. Then, in verse 4-7 He speaks about ‘abiding’ in Him and says He must ‘abide’ in us. Most people recognize that He abides in us when we have His Word and His Holy Spirit (which are synonymous according to John 6:63 and Eph 6:17) but what does He mean when Jesus tells us we must ‘abide’ in Him? If it was simply the same thing as His Word abiding in us then there would have been no need to differentiate between us ‘abiding in Him’ and Him ‘abiding in us’. Interestingly, Jesus uses the word ‘abide’ seven times in these four verses. Seven in Biblical numerics (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>) means: completeness, spiritual perfection. So, *to obtain spiritual completeness, which is to say, spiritual perfection (maturity, which is the point where we produce fruit for Him) we must abide in Him and He in us.*

All the words ‘**abide**’ in this chapter are #3306, **meno** (men'-o), which is a primary verb that means: *to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy)*. It’s translated in the KJV as - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), thine own. What’s also interesting is that, this same word is the prim root for a word used in the previous chapter, but was translated as ‘mansions’. Let’s read it...

*1 Let not your heart be troubled [#5015, to stir or agitate (roll water)]: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*2 In my Father's house are many **mansions** [#3438, a staying, i.e. residence (the act or the place)]: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

*4 And whither I go ye know, and **the way** ye know.*

*5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know **the way**?*

*6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

*8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

*9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

*10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

*11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

*12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

*13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

*14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

*15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

*16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide** [#3306, to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy)] with you for ever;*

*17 Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

*18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*  
John 14:1-18

Jesus told us that His Words are life (John 6:63) and they are truth (John 17:17). So, the question is, what was Jesus talking about? What does it mean to *abide in Jesus* and how did He make many of these ‘abiding’ places for us? Remember to ‘abide’ in John 15 and ‘mansions’ in John 14 means: *to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy)*. Have you ever heard of ‘staying’ in a ‘state of mind’? It’s putting on a certain type of mindset and keeping it on; it’s staying in a state of mind. What mind is that?

*1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise **with the same mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*  
*2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*  
1 Peter 4:1-2

*4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*  
*5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:***  
*6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*  
*7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*  
*8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*  
Phil 2:4-8

Clearly, Jesus is telling us we need to have His Words in us (He in us) so we can change our way of thinking. But He is also telling us that we must stay in that *state of mind* (we in Him). This is certainly easier said than done because to do this means we must put off our sins (*from the heart*, Mth 15:17-20, Mk 7:20-23) and change our way of thinking, reasoning; this includes *changing our desires* (Col 3:1-10). We must circumcise our heart of sin, especially the pride that so often keeps us from doing what is right (Deut 10:16, Deut 30:6, Jer 4:4, Col 2:10-12, 1 Cor 7:18-19). Paul speaks of this process as crucifying the old man (Rom 6:6, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9) and that’s because Jesus told us we must pick up our cross (for crucifixion) and deny our ‘self’ (pride, ego, lusts, etc.) on a daily basis (Luke 9:23). The tool we use to crucify the ‘old man’ is the Word of God (Heb 4:12). Starve the ‘old man’ and feed the ‘new man’. Like crucifixion, this is a long and painful process. That’s why we’re so often told to ‘hold onto’ the truth we have received (1 Thess 5:21, 2 Tim 1:13, Heb 3:6, 4:14, 10:23, Rev 2:25, 3:3). It’s a lot easier to go back to the ways of the world (as the parable of the sower explains, Lk 8:4-18). But we are given help in ‘holding onto’ the truth and crucifying the ‘old man’, which Jesus tells us about...

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient** for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*  
John 16:7

‘Expedient’ means *to bear together (contribute)*, i.e. (literally) **to collect**, or (figuratively) to *conduce*; especially (neuter participle as a noun) *advantage* (#4851). When Jesus died and then ascended to heaven, He did something for us in heaven that allowed us to receive the Comforter (which is the Holy Spirit) upon having faith in Him (and His Word). And, because of that, we are to ‘abide’ in Him. Back in the days of Jesus, they did not have the ‘technology’ on earth that we do now. This is why He said we’d do ‘greater works’ (John 14:12) than Him. Jesus was not able to spread the Gospel like we can today. Neither were the apostles able to. Why? In Dan 12:4, when Daniel wanted to understand things that were told him about these ‘latter days’ we are living in now, he was told: *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.* Daniel would not be able to understand because the technology for understanding simply was not there... **but now it is**. And that’s how we can do ‘greater works’ than Jesus Himself; simply because there is technology to broadcast the Gospel throughout the entire earth. How? Through the ‘miracle’ of what we call the ‘internet’. Though this technology is relatively new here on earth, we should understand that *it is not new to heaven*. Not at all, and it is the key to understanding how we are to abide in the ‘vine’ of Jesus Christ, which is to say to: stay in that ‘state of mind’, which is the ‘mind of Christ’. (Note that the ‘Vine’ is also called the light in other Scriptures, John 1:1-9, 8:12, 9:5, 2 Cor 4:6, 1 John 1:7, 2:9-10, Lk 11:33-36).

So, let’s remember, that when Jesus is explaining the ‘Vine’, He’s doing so in terms they could understand back in those days. He simply is telling them they need to be connected to Him (by putting on the same mindset) so they can get the spiritual nourishment (His truth) to produce fruit, otherwise they’ll die. But, let’s consider what this means in terms we can understand it in today. Clearly, through the vine metaphor Jesus is expressing His means for communicating the truth because it is only through truth in our heart, mind and soul that we can live forever. As Jesus said...

*46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*

*47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*

*48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*

*49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*

*50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

John 12:46-50

And He was even more concise later on in the book of John...

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

John 17:3

How do we get to know Him? Through the Vine of course, which is Jesus Christ. What is Jesus Christ? The Word of God...

*2 The same was in the beginning with God.*

*3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

*5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

*6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

*7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

*8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

*9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

*10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

*11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

*12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*14 And the Word was made 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.*

John 1:2-14

Verse 1 tells us that the Word was God and then verse 14 tells us the Word became flesh. Jesus is literally God incarnated. And, as Heb 1:3 tells us, He was an 'exact copy' of God Himself. The word 'express' means an 'exact copy' (#5481). Moreover, Luke tells us that...

*John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:*

Luke 3:16

Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit *and* with fire. We know from John 6:63 and Eph 6:17 that the Word of God and the Holy Spirit are synonymous. When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on Pentecost day (Acts 2), it did not bring confusion. Instead, it brought clarity to the Scriptures. Read Acts 2 and you'll see that they did not speak in a language that could be understood but rather, the 'cloven' tongue was a language everyone could understand, even in the same dialect they grew up in (which would include figures of speech). In Luke 24:32, the two apostles who Jesus met on the road (after He had risen from the dead) said: *Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?* God's truth is a 'fire' that burns in our hearts, for the good or the bad. When God's Word convicts

us it *burns inside* our soul. And, if we are willing to change, that burn will purge out the impurities, just as fire purifies metals (Zech 13:9, Ps 66:10, 105:19, John 13:8, 15:3). If we are not willing to change, we look for all kinds of ways to cover (hide) that pain inside. It's a big hole that cannot be filled without being connected to the *true* Vine, Jesus Christ. But those who 'hook up to' and *stay* connected to the *true* Vine (Jesus) (true means truthful, #228) will be supplied with all the truth (to understand God's Word) they need to, not only live, but also produce fruit; and God will also 'prune' them, which means to chastise, so they will bring forth more fruit. Moses explained this in Deut 8:5 and Paul explained it well in Heb 12.

So, Jesus used a vine as a metaphor for something He was trying to explain, which is His method of communication with us while we are in this flesh realm. Remember, He said He was leaving this flesh realm to prepare a 'place' (habitation) but that He would 'come again' and 'receive us' where He is (John 14:3), even though He is now at the right hand of God (Col 3:1, Heb 1:3, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2, 1 Pt 3:22). So, He's describing the means of communication that He would be setting up through the "Vine". He used this metaphor because most everyone in this fleshly realm should know what a grape vine is and how it grows. [If not, research it and you'll understand the metaphor much better.] Basically, there is a main vine that is the source of life and from it all the branches that produce fruit grow. You must prune the branches to make them produce fruit or else it will not. But, without that main vine, the branches will die. They need that branch for life, which is why Jesus used it as an analogy for us. Remember, He told us that *it is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life* (John 6:63).

So, this 'vine' that Jesus referred to Himself as, could also be looked at as an internet of sorts, which connects us to Him in that dimension. [Remember, this is an analogy, using terms we can understand.] The internet connects our world in the flesh, does it not? Indeed, it does. You can send all kinds of information through the internet: written messages, audios and even videos... and we wonder how the servants of God were able to receive visions? (Ezek 37:1, Rev 1:10, 2 Cor 12:2-4).

And, because Jesus is the true Vine, no one (literally *no one*) has access (through prayer or any other means) to the true Father *except* through the *true* Vine, which is Jesus Christ...

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6 *Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

7 *If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

8 *Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

9 *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

*10 Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

John 14:5-10

There are no other communication methods to our Heavenly Father than through Jesus Christ. And, before Jesus came, the communication methods were set up by Moses through blood sacrifices that looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Before that God taught it (via blood sacrifices) to Adam and Eve when He sacrificed an animal to make them 'coats of skins' to wear (Gen 3:21). This knowledge was passed on to their son Abel, whose sacrifice pleased the Lord (Gen 4:4, Luke 3:8, 2 Cor 9:7), and then to their son Seth and so forth. That's why Noah knew to make blood sacrifices (Gen 8:20), as well as Abraham (Gen 22) and Jacob (Gen 31:54, 46:1). Of course, since Jesus has come we no longer perform blood sacrifices (Heb 10:10) nor do we look at those things as a way to communicate to God anymore. The blood sacrifices were simply tools to teach us how to communicate with God. Or, as Paul explained it, they were our 'schoolmaster'...

*24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

*25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

Gal 3:24-25

The part of the 'law' that Paul is speaking of here are the blood sacrifices, also known as the rituals or 'ordinances' and Col 2:14 and Eph 2:15 clearly explain that they've been done away with. But, as Jesus said in Mth 5, He did not do away with all of the law. He *fulfilled* the blood sacrifices and ***set up a new communication system through His Holy Spirit, which is what He went to heaven to do!***

*7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; **It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.***

*8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

*9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;*

*10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;*

*11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

*12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.*

*13 Howbeit **when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

*14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

*15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

*16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.*

John 16:7-16

*9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

*10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

*11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:*

*12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

*13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*

*14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

*15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,*

*16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;***

*17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

*18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

*21 And having an high priest over the house of God;*

*22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,** and our bodies washed with pure water.*

*23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

Heb 10:9-23

After Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead, He then (forty days after rising from the dead) ascended up to heaven to literally now sits at the ‘right hand’ of God. And from there, He established a ‘new and living way’, which is to say, He set up a new way to communicate to God which would give us DIRECT access to God Himself (through belief in Jesus Christ, of course). This is why the veil in the Temple was rent when He was crucified (Mth 27:51, Mk 15:38, Lk 23:45). 2 Cor 3:13-16 and Heb 10:19-22 explain more about this also. This then is why Paul said...

*1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

*2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

*3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

Col 3:1-3

If we have truly accepted Jesus Christ, we’ll have repented (Lk 3:8) wholeheartedly and work to put off that ‘old man’ (mindset). We are now to seek those things that ‘are above’, which means we are to seek the truth, which is given to us through God’s Word. Understanding God’s Word comes from Jesus Christ, who sits at God’s right hand in heaven. And how does He give us

understanding of His Word? Remember the Vine which we likened to the internet? We can now pray to God, in the name of Jesus (John 14:14) and ask for help and understanding. So, when Jesus tells us we must ‘abide in Him’ because He is the *true* Vine, what He is essentially saying is that we need to be *connected* to Him spiritually, which means to be connected to His *interdimensional* ‘internet’. [This certainly does not mean the communication method Jesus Christ uses is exactly like the ‘internet’ we know of today. It’s far more advanced. But the knowledge to create the internet we have today doubtlessly came from that other dimension.] Moreover, the ‘internet’ of the true Vine, Jesus Christ, is also called the ‘Light’ because it gives us truth...

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

John 8:12

*23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit **and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

*24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit **and in truth.***

John 4:23-24

So, we could even call this ‘wireless communication’ we have with God (through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit) the ‘Light internet’ or the ‘Light net’ for short. However, the reason Jesus said He was the true Vine is because there is also a *fake* vine...

*31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.*

*32 For **their vine is of the vine of Sodom**, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:*

*33 **Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.***

Deut 32:31-33

As the Parable of the Tares reveals, this false vine is Satan himself (who has many different names, Rev 20:2 gives us a few examples). And his children are the ‘tares’ he has literally planted on this earth. Satan is the false vine and his children are the false branches. This is critical to understand because one of the most popular teachings in Christian Churches today (in American anyhow) is that the “Jews” are God’s ‘chosen people’. And by the “Jews” they are referring not only to those people living in the small state of Israel today but also of anyone who follows the satanic doctrine of the Talmud; their religion literally teaches them to hate Jesus Christ. Not only is their religion satanic but these people are not at all of Israel; they therefore are not God’s chosen people, physically (racially) or spiritually (they don’t accept Jesus as their Savior). Racially, they are a mix of Canaanite peoples, Mongolians (Khazars) and Kenites. Spiritually, anyone of any race can become a “Jew” by picking up their demonic religion (but of course, this is the pathway to hell). The danger in thinking the “Jews” are God’s chosen people is that *you end up supporting **the very enemies of Jesus Christ*** and thus, **you hook yourself up to the false vine**. Do you really want that? Now, in the parable of the sower (Mth 13), Jesus told us

not to harm these people. So, certainly, Hitler was terribly wrong with trying to kill them off. God could have killed Cain if He had wanted them removed, but He didn't and for a reason: they are being used to test His children. But Jesus warned us not to allow their doctrine into our Churches nor our governments (and especially not into our hearts!) for they have been trained by their father the devil (John 8:44) to take over the world *from the inside out*. Thus, they not only enslave humanity in this physical realm, but (worse) they actively seek to spiritually corrupt God's children (of all races) by connecting them with the false vine, which is their 'father' Satan, the devil himself. Yes, just as Jesus has an 'internet', so does Satan. Call it the 'dark net' if you'd like. And those who are totally taken over by it are what we call 'possessed'. But millions (maybe billions) more people are also connected to Satan's dark net spiritually, which is what this spiritual war truly is all about: the fight for the human soul.

You see, there's no way we can live forever without being connected to the 'Light net', who is Jesus Christ. You can't get there any other way. Not through any other religion. None. The Jews do not have their own salvation, neither do the Muslims, the Buddhists, the Hindu's or any others. The only way to eternal life is through Jesus Christ and if you are not plugged into Him (his 'Light net') then you are plugged into the 'dark net'. Jesus told us that we cannot serve two masters (Mth 6:24). This is because we cannot be plugged into the 'Light net' and the 'dark net' at the same times. Many try but they only fool themselves. This 'dark net' is also often called the 'world' in the Bible. James warns us about this...

We'll pick it up with part 2...

AMEN.