

"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."

# THE TRUE *Wine*

JOHN 15:1-8

HARBOR  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# I AM STATEMENTS:



**01** "I am the bread of life (6:35)."

**02** "I am the light of the world (8:12)."

**03** "I am the door of the sheep (10:7)."

**04** "I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)."

**05** "I am the good shepherd (10:11)."

**06** "I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)."

**07** "I am the true vine (15:1)."

**" I AM . . . "**

**JESUS IS ABOUT TO MAKE A CLAIM OF  
EXCLUSIVITY AND SUPERIORITY.**

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# ISRAEL AS THE VINE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:



**01**

**PSALM 80:8-13**

**03**

**ISAIAH 5:1-4**

**02**

**HOSEA 10:1-2**

**04**

**JEREMIAH 2:21**

**"THE TRUE VINE..."**

**IN CONTRAST TO ISRAEL, JESUS IS  
CLAIMING TO BE THE TRUE VINE WHO WILL  
NOT FALL SHORT, WHO WILL NOT FAIL, AND  
WHO WILL PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT.**



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# "THE VINEDRESSER"



**THE VINEDRESSER DOES WHAT'S BEST FOR  
THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES SO THAT  
THEY CAN BE AS FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE.**




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# "FRUIT"

**"BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE,  
JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS,  
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,  
SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS  
THERE IS NO LAW."**

**- GALATIANS 5:22-23**

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**"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME. I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY WILL NEVER PERISH, AND NO ONE WILL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND."**

**-JOHN 10:27**



**IT'S POSSIBLE TO GO TO CHURCH EVERY  
SUNDAY AND STILL NOT PRODUCE FRUIT.**





**A LACK OF FRUIT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED  
BY THE FATHER.**







**ALTHOUGH PRUNING MAY BE PAINFUL,  
IT IS NEVER MEANINGLESS.**



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**"YOU ARE CLEAN"**

**OUR RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD DOES NOT  
HINGE ON OUR ABILITY TO DO GOOD THINGS,  
OR PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT. OUR RIGHT  
STANDING WITH GOD HINGES ON THE LIFE,  
DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS.**

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**"ABIDE IN ME"**

**THE CHRISTIAN WALK IS NOT A ONE TIME  
EVENT; IT'S A LIFESTYLE.**

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**TRUE, GOD-GLORIFYING FRUIT, CAN ONLY BE  
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**FRUIT IS THE PRODUCT OF EFFECTIVE  
PRAYER, AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS  
SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD.**



**THE CHIEF GOAL OF ABIDING IN JESUS IS  
GOD BEING GLORIFIED THROUGH FRUIT  
BEARING.**

