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ABIDE TO BE JOYFUL

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

**Abiding In Christ's Love Leads To Joy**



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John 15:11 (ESV)

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Joy - a fruit of the spirit that produces a profound sense of gladness, delight and inner triumph

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“Joy is manufactured in heaven. It is God’s monopoly. It is not like happiness, which depends very largely on what happens. The Lord’s heart was full of joy even with Gethsemane a few hundred yards ahead. It was for the joy that was set before Him that He endured the cross, despising the shame...”

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...Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit, second only to love. This joy He offers to us, joy resulting from obedience, flanked on one side by love and on the other side by peace.”

—John Phillips



**Joy Comes From Abiding In Christ's Love**

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As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

**Abide in my love.**

John 15:9 (ESV)

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**Definition of Love:** The love of the Father to the Son is not a sentiment—it is a divine life, an infinite energy, an irresistible power. It carried Christ through life and death and the grave. The Father loved Him and dwelt in Him, and did all for Him. So the love of Christ to us too is an infinite living power that will work in us all He delights to give us...

# Joy Comes From Abiding In Christ's Love

*...The feebleness of our Christian life is that we do not take time to believe that this divine love does really delight in us, and will possess and work all in us.* We strive to do for ourselves what Christ alone can, what Christ, oh, so lovingly, longs to do for us.

—Andrew Murray, *The True Vine*



Joy Comes **From Abiding In Christ's Love**

Christ's Love **IS** the Father's Love

**Joy Is The Deep Overflow Of Obedience**

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**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.

John 15:10 (ESV)

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Joy slowly but deeply grows in those that are obedient to Christ

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Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:23 (ESV)

Know the Father's Love, Know True Joy!