

Abide In Me

Hello, friends. Think of this text from **John 15:4, 5** "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing...." I, for one, like abiding in Him. It means taking time daily to commune with Him through prayer and reading His Holy Word. From Him I receive strength, comfort and hope. He gives me a peace that enables me to face unforeseen circumstances. And, abiding in Him, He enables me to produce fruit because I'm connected to the living Vine, Jesus Christ. **The fruit of the Spirit...love, joy, peace, gentleness...against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22)** Think of the example of our Lord Jesus when He was tortured, mocked, spit upon, and finally put to death on a cruel cross. A sword pierced through Him and a crown of thorns pushed into His brow. The blood trickled down His face, the face of God. He could have called 10,000 angels to His aid to destroy those tormenting Him instantly. But He prayed, "**Father, forgive them.**" (Luke 23:34) This is the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit of love and forgiveness for even His enemies. It is this kind of love that He wants to reproduce in His followers. The love that will breathe out love in the face of cruelty. Only He can give this kind of love. If you haven't made a habit of abiding in Him, don't delay. He will come again, "**quickly.**" (Revelation 22:12) And when He comes, He will come as a King and Conqueror and Judge. He will give to every person that has ever lived a reward, some to everlasting life, some to eternal death. (Daniel 12:2) Take time for Him today before it's too late.