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A CLINGING VINE

There has much been said about a person that is a “clinging vine.” Most of what is said is negative, indicating the person just cannot make it on their own.

The scripture has something different to say about it. In John 15:1-8 Jesus talks about the vine. He said in verse 4, “**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**”

The word “abide” is used three times in this verse and a total of seven times in the 8 verses. Among the definitions of abide are stay, stand, endure, dwelleth, and be present. I see abide or abiding as clinging to that vine like Velcro. You are stuck together. We see this same example in Psalm 91:1 where it says, “**He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**”

That secret place is time spent “together.” In doing so we abide in Him. Apart from abiding in Jesus nothing is fruitful. When we are connected to him, we will see fruit in our lives.

Am I a clinging vine? Absolutely! I cling to Jesus, and I will never let him go. What about you?