

It is only when we abide in Christ after coming to Him for salvation that we experience true peace and joy in our lives.

This joy comes from “abiding” in Christ...meaning staying in fellowship with Him.

Let’s stop and think about the illustration for a moment. The union is so close between the branch and the vine, that each is nothing without the other.

Christ would not be a Savior if not for the sinner, and the sinner would not be in need of a Savior. We can do nothing without the vine and the vine could not function without the branch.

Just as the sap from the vine flows through the branches so the Holy Spirit flows through the soul of the believer who remains in fellowship with Christ.

The branches (the church) are totally dependent upon the vine (Christ) and the sap (the Holy Spirit) that is produced by the vine that flows to the branches.

Without the branch the vine can do nothing for a vine without branches can bear no fruit.

*John 1:1, “I am the **true** vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the original vine from which branches grow. He is the origin and source of the believer’s spiritual life.