

In today's verse, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you *are* the branches." He did not say, "I am the vine, *try* to be the branches." In other words, He wants us to realize that we are already the branches. We do not have to struggle to become the branches. As His branches, we only have to abide or remain in Christ our vine. How do we do that? We do that by simply being conscious every day of our position in Christ. Because we have received Christ, we are in Christ and are accepted in the Beloved. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:6) God accepts us because we are in the Beloved and He is in us. That is how God sees us today when we come into His presence.

What Satan wants to do is to get you to focus on your *condition* instead of your *position* in Christ. The condition you are facing could be financial lack or deteriorating health. Satan wants you to focus on your condition and forget your position - that you are the righteousness of God in Christ, and that you are seated with Him in Heavenly places at the Father's right hand. (2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:6) He wants you to forget that you are an heir of God, and a joint heir with Christ. (Romans 8:17) Satan knows that once you focus on your position in Christ, it will give you the power to change your condition and circumstances. John 15:5 says that you will bear "much fruit". This means that when you pray against any lack, abundant supply will flow. When you pray for healing, sickness will leave.

None of these things can happen by your own doing, but by His life which flows through you. Just as sap flowing through the branches of a vine will cause them to bring forth fruit, His life flowing through you will bring forth a bountiful harvest of provision, healing and miracles. You only need to remain conscious of who you are in Christ!

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."