

Power-Full

“The Power of Jesus”

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John 15:1 I am the vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 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. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“Very simply, if holiness is not first and foremost about knowing Christ, it will be about self-produced morality and religiosity.”

p. 86, Rejoicing in Christ, by Michael Reeves

“God is not interested in our manufactured virtue; he does not want any external obedience or morality if it does not flow from a true love for him. He wants us to share his pleasure in his son... Nothing is more holy than a heartfelt delight in Christ. Nothing is so powerful to transform lives.”

p. 86, Rejoicing in Christ, by Michael Reeves

“In other words, what all my efforts could not achieve, the love of Christ achieves: it wins me to love God and others with sincerity, freedom, and spontaneity. I begin to ENJOY holiness and HATE sin because I enjoy him and hate what stands against him in all his goodness, truth and beauty.”

p. 89, Rejoicing in Christ, by Michael Reeves