

John 15:1-17

Establish: God = The Source

Old Testament:

- **Jonah 2:1-10**

New Testament:

- **John 3:27**
- **John 18:36** (Jesus speaks)
- **Acts 3:15**
- **I Corinthians 8:6**

Are you plugged in?



What would be the prerequisite to be IN the Vine – plugged into the Source?

Different elements to this scripture that we need to take into consideration:

John 15:1-17

I. The possibility of NO fruit - v2

...any branch in Him that doesn't bear fruit will be trimmed...

John 15:2

Thus, assumption- you can be in without bearing fruit. And branches bearing fruit will be:

- cleansed and
- repeatedly pruned

to bear more excellent fruit! This is an ongoing process.

2. How are we cleansed? - v3

..because of the word which I have given you...

John 15:3

Process of cleaning and pruning = By the Word
Word = Spirit + Life

Jesus speaks: *...the words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life.*

John 6:63

How do we judge if something is the truth? It is spirit and life.
Truth = Word = Spirit + Life

3. When does the truth speak? - v4 (4-7)

- we live - vitally united to Him - the life blood of the vine running in our veins
- dwell - taking time to get to know Him - working on a relationship

Remember: This only happens to those who are already producing fruit! This is a process to tweak the quality and quantity of the fruit.

He promises: Living in Him will produce much abundant fruit. Opposite also true: Apart from Him you can do nothing. But, if we live and dwell in Him, know His words, we will be able to ASK anything.

4. When are we proved to be disciples? – v8

We show and prove ourselves to be disciples when our fruit becomes *visible* to others.
Disciples = True Followers = Change Agents

5. The process – v9, 10

There is no ABC's in the process of God. It is described as having only one element: LOVE!

V9: He starts describing His love for us, the love of God the Father for Him and then our part namely our love for Him.

...continue in His love with Me...

V10: He formulates the actions of the Process:

- *continue to obey*
- *abide in His love*
- *live on in it*

6. The outcome (Result) – v11

- causes Him to delight in us
 - our joy and gladness may be of full measure, complete and overflowing
- Praise God!

Thus:

- there is a place
- there comes a time

Where our joy and gladness (i.e. health, wellness, wealth etc.) may be of full measure, complete and overflowing. This is the PLACE of true prosperity, happiness and fulfilment! This is the only process...

7. The commandment – v12, 13

...this is my commandment: that you love one another JUST as I...

John 15:12

He makes it sound so easy.

...no one has greater love...

John 15:13

8. Friends - v14

We are His friends, with a prerequisite:

V14 *...if you keep on doing...* the process.

9. Understanding (insight) – v15

Servants vs Friends

How does a servant of a household operate? He does only what he is told. Follows day to day orders. Because they do not know what the Master is doing (or working out).

We are His friends (sons), He has made known to us, and is continually making known to us His will and purposes (*...that which He has heard from the Father*)

He says: *...I have revealed everything that I have learned from Him.*

I.e.: You will have LASTING FRUIT because I have chosen you as friends (sons) to understand my plan and purpose and to execute it accordingly.

Have we fully understood what He revealed to us judging by the fruit?

10. What is God saying now?

Two qualitative factors by which we test the legitimacy:

1. does it give LIFE
2. does it infuse SPIRIT (Spirit-filled)

There are a lot of things we had to go through because we misunderstood God and deviated from His original intent. Therefore He had to take us on a detour to get back to the mainstream again.

This is it!

Truandi's Hypothesis:

I am convinced that God works in CIRCLES or CYCLES!

Let me prove it to you:

- **Luke 4:13** - the devil tempted Him in cycles
- **James 3:6** *...setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man's nature)...*
- **Psalm 104:19** *...the Lord appointed the moon for the seasons; the sun know the exact time of its setting.*

it works like clockwork!

- **Jeremiah 8:7**
- **Proverbs 8:27** *... I wisdom was there when He drew a circle upon the face of the deep...*

And He never intended for us to function in rectangles or as part of a rectangular structure or order. He is forever moving and expanding. The relevant question is whether it possible to KEEP ON MOVING and growing in a rectangle?

Picture this:



A hoolah hoop with enough energy to cause momentum will keep on going, and going into infinity... right? Think of a rectangular hoolah. Will we get the same result? NO!

Now!

If He says He wants us to understand His way of doing, would it be possible to fit His circle or cycle into our rectangular framework of reference?

Egg. Baby puzzle shapes

Not possible!

So this brings us to the assumption that there could be a possibility of misunderstanding His intent all along.

BUT:

If we get plugged into the Source (Jesus Christ), and we align ourselves to His lordship, He can by His grace change our thinking patterns to:

- Life
- Spirit

Equivalent to Truth

Important:

... To you has been entrusted the mystery of the kingdom of God (that is the secret counsels of God which are hidden to the ungodly); but for those outside (of the circle) everything becomes a parable.

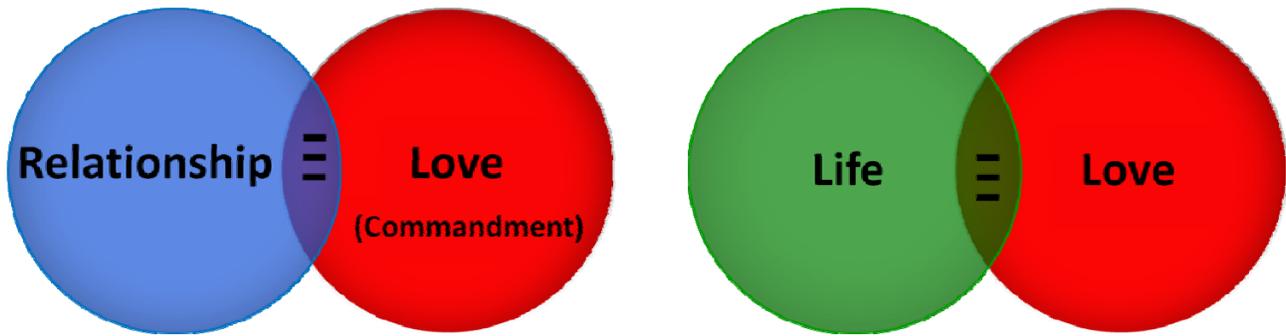
In order that they indeed look and look but do not see and perceive and may hear and hear but nor grasp and comprehend lest haply they should turn again, and it (their willful rejection of truth) should be forgiven them.

Mark 4:11

Parallel: Word ||| Truth ||| Life ||| Spirit

Thus: Because we are in the Circle, we have Spirit and Life!

II. Soteria's structure: Circle of life



Circle of Life depend solely on Relationship or The Commandment (Love) As His friends, in a love relationship with Him and another we sit in His circle.

...and looking around on those who sat in a circle about Him, He said, See! Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever DOES the things God wills is My brother and sister and mother!

Mark 3:34

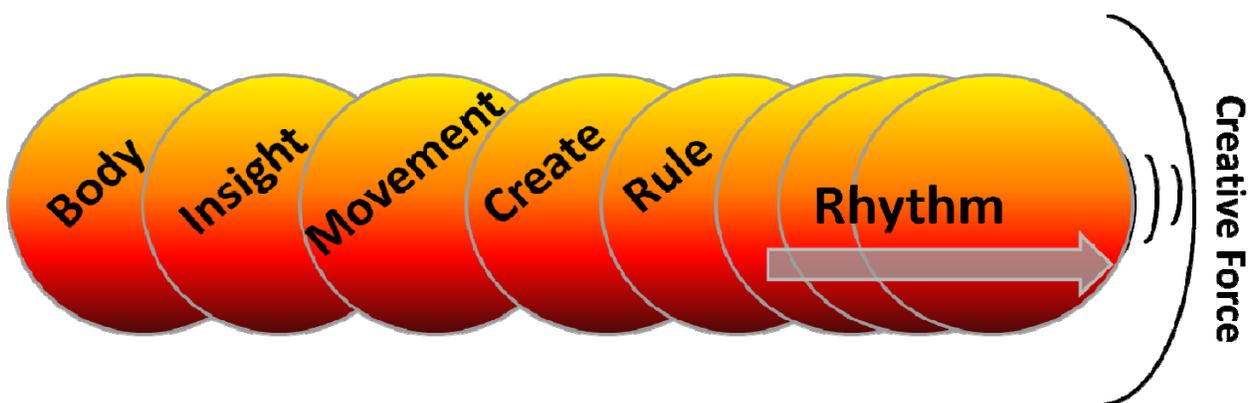
12. The Theory – Concluded

In His circle is true happiness, true prosperity, true wellness and lasting fruit! We have touched on each of these, but have not obtained the true measure of the price He paid!

13. The rhythm

To become the rhythm: Acts 17:23

- We need to be *part of the Body*, His Bride
- We need to *understand*, have insight
- Start *moving* like He does
- *Create* like He does
- *Rule* like He does (**Genesis 1:26**)



In the Circle of Life, here in Creation (the earth and the galaxies have been created circles (balls); we move to a rhythm that is coupled to a distinctive frequency!

Once we tune into the correct frequency, we start moving to the rhythm. At that point in time God accelerates us into *His Autobahn*, where everything moves with *unlimited* speeds and we achieve the *unseen, unlimited, unprecedented!*