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Connection

(Made as a witness for God through the Connection of Jesus)

Jesus said, “I Am the Vine;”. (John 15: 5). Now what do you suppose Jesus meant when He said, “I am the vine;”. It is really a simple analogy of how He is trying to make a connection by the rest of the verse: “you (meaning everyone that is a Christian) are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him (meaning every Christian) produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me”. Let’s break this down a little bit. When He said the vine, He meant the grape vine. If anyone has seen a grape vine, they can see that it has branches connected to it. So, Jesus (the vine) is connected to Christians (the branches) and because of that connection, the branches produce fruit (which is fruit of the Holy Spirit). What did Jesus mean by us producing fruit if we are connected to Him? In a previous commentary I mentioned that each one of us is born with a spirit that resides in our hearts. The fruit of the spirit (and Holy Spirit) has certain words that define us as a Christian and they are love, joy, peace, “longsuffering”, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and “temperance”. In other words, as Christians are connected to Jesus, they are blessed with a fruitful abundant life.

The Bible is a training manual for life according to 2 Timothy 3: 16 and 17 which says “ALL** Scripture is God-breathed (inspired by God to all the authors of the Bible) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant (you and me as Christians) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”.**

Let’s study the word connection. In Genesis 1: 26 when God created this world with all the plants and animals, then God said, “Let ‘us’ (meaning Trinity) make man in ‘our’ image, in ‘our’ likeness”.

Later, I will try to explain the connection of the Trinity.

In Genesis 2: 20-24, after God created man (Adam), He caused Adam to fall asleep and while he was asleep He took one of Adam's ribs and made woman (Eve) and because Eve was part of Adam the connection was made for marriage. One woman for one man and one man for one woman (husband and wife). In verse 23, the man (Adam) said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man". In Genesis 1: 28 God said to them (Adam and Eve), "be fruitful and increase (procreate) in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground".

In verse 24, it says, " For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united (connected) to his wife, and they will become one flesh". The reason verse 24 was written this way is because when Moses wrote Genesis, people were getting married and having children years after Adam and Eve. A child is connected to their father and mother through the man's sperm and the female's egg and becomes one (the fetus).

Now, all throughout the New Testament Jesus is called the Son of God (He is connected to God). A mother and father create a son, so why wasn't Jesus called the son of Joseph since Joseph was married to Mary (mother of Jesus). I'm getting to the good part. It was because of the virgin birth. A child cannot be created without the father's sperm, therefore, God provided the sperm for Mary's egg through the Holy Spirit and that is the reason why Jesus is called the Son of God (the connection was made).

The Trinity is intact, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Three connected together to make one. When God said let 'us' create man in 'our' image, He was referring to the Trinity. If Jesus is part of the Trinity and He was not born until the New Testament, then why was Moses using the words 'us' and 'our'?

It is because Jesus was not incarnate until the New Testament. Incarnate means a deity or spirit embodied in flesh or human form which means that Jesus was part of the Trinity when man (Adam) was created. The Holy Spirit was not known until the New Testament when Jesus told us it was there as an advocate and counselor. A mystery solved.

The words “brothers” and “sisters” are reserved for the family through the blood of the father and mother. When we are born the connection is made.

Since Christians are connected to the vine through the blood of Jesus, Christians are considered to be born again into the family of God with Jesus as our Father and God as our Grandfather (so to speak).

In summary, all Christians are Brothers and Sisters connected in the family of God through the blood of Jesus. The connection is made.

So in conclusion, (made as a Christian witness, you can become a Brother or Sister in the family of God through the belief Jesus as your Savior).

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