

# **ABIDE IN JESUS (1)**



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# ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Happy New Year!!!**

- I appreciate your dedicated service to God this past year and pray for God's continued guidance over your faithful ministry in the year ahead.
- See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43:19).

- **The church website updated**

- Please check the updated website (<https://www.shalomgrove.net/>).

- **The 5<sup>th</sup> Ambassador Training Program**

- Format: Online via Zoom (The same Zoom site).
- Schedule: Every Saturday 7pm (Eastern DRC time) for 1.5 hours.
- Duration: January 10 – March 28, 2026.
- Focus: Developing the skills, knowledge, and competencies required to be an effective ambassador for Christ.

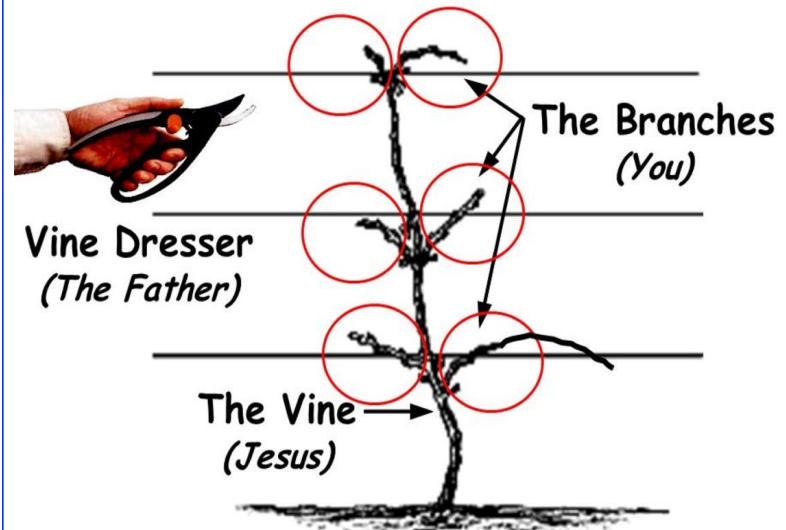
- **Sermons in January (Abide in Jesus)**

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# ABIDE IN JESUS (THE VINE)

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser... **Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me. 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. If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you **abide** in Me, and My words **abide** in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples** (John 15:1, 4-8, NKJV).

## A Picture of Your Life



Abide -> 1) The Father is glorified; 2) Bear much fruit; 3) The evidence of true discipleship

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# ABIDE IN JESUS

- **Abide (Greek *meno*):**

- Remain, dwell, connected and dependent on Jesus
- Remain in me, as I also remain in you (NIV); Live in me, and I will live in you (GW).
- Like a branch (a believer) connected to a vine (Jesus), draw life from Him.
- It's an active, continuous relationship involving faith, trusting His word, and obeying His commands, allowing His life and love to flow through us to bear spiritual fruit.

- **Why Abiding is essential?**

- Without the vine (Jesus), we wither and die; we lack spiritual life and strength.
- It allows us to bear much fruit (evidence of a life pleasing to God).
- It helps us discover and fulfill our purpose, experiencing deep, lasting joy and peace that isn't dependent on circumstances.
- It holds fast to Jesus's teachings (abiding in His word) allowing His truth to shape our actions and thoughts.
- It's a constant, intimate communion where we receive His love, grace, and power, enabling us to live abundantly.

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# HOW TO ABIDE?

Accept your identity

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser (gardener)... **you are the branches** (John 15:1, 5). You can do nothing of eternal value apart from Christ

Build daily on God's Word

If you abide in Me, and **My words** abide in you (John 15:7). You deeply internalize, live by, and continuously dwell in the teachings of the Bible

Invest in eternal value

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be **My disciples** (John 15:8). Time, talents, and money are gifts from God to be managed for His purposes, not your own.

Discipline for spiritual maturity

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love (John 15:10). Even when difficult, choose righteousness by saying yes to God, which demonstrates discipleship.

Expand Christ's love to the world

You love one another. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (John 15:12-13). Maximize your influence to help others and share the gospel.

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# ABIDE IN JESUS TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT



- **Abide in Jesus -> Bear much fruit**
  - If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).
- **Fruits**
  - **Fruit of Repentance**
  - **Fruit of the Holy Spirit**
  - **Fruit of Good Works**
  - **Fruit of Evangelism**

## FOUR KINDS OF FRUIT

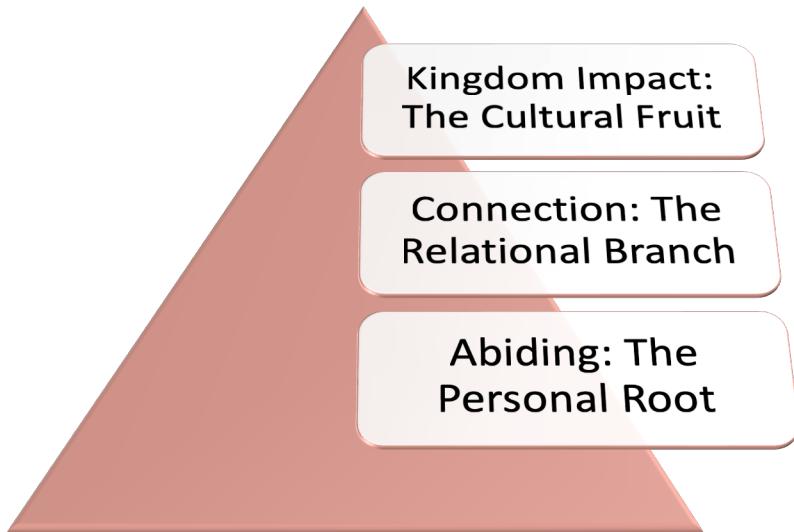
- Fruit of Repentance
  - Produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8).
- Fruit of the Holy Spirit
  - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Fruit of Good Works
  - You may live a life worthy of the Lord in every way: bearing fruit in every good work... (Colossians 1:10).
  - Let our people learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful (Titus 3:14).
- Fruit of Evangelism
  - I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles (Romans 1:13, NLT).
  - You know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia (1 Corinthians 16:15, NKJV).
  - The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life (John 4:36).

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## THREE LEVELS OF VISION 2026

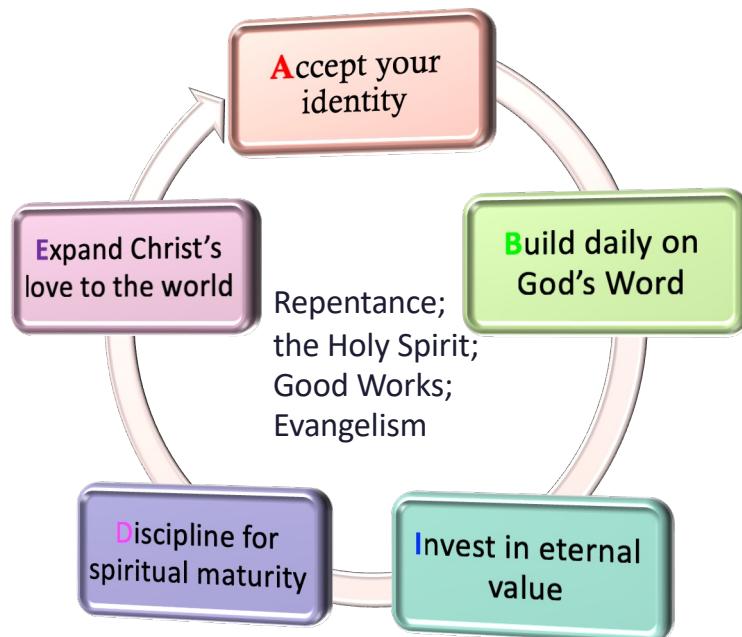


- Your goal for 2026
  - Abide in Jesus to bear much fruit.
  - What action plans will you set up to accomplish this goal?
- Bear fruit internally (engage with the Word)
  - Internal work of prayer, scripture and meditation in God.
  - Read the Bible entirely in 2026.
- Preserve the unity of the Spirit (Relational connection)
  - We are branches connected to the same Vine.
  - Attend Shalom services and training sessions actively.
- Bear fruit externally (engage with the world)
  - Share the gospel with at least one person a month.

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## VISION COMMITMENT 2026: ABIDING TO FLOURISH



- Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves this year to the life-giving rhythm of abiding. We recognize that apart from Jesus, the True Vine, we can do nothing. We surrender our own strength and choose to remain rooted in Your Word, Your love, and Your Spirit. As we abide in You, we pray that You would transform our lives into a 'God's Garden'—pruning what is withered and nourishing what is new. We dedicate our hands, our hearts, and our homes to bearing much fruit for Your Kingdom, that through our faithful service, the beauty of Shalom may be made visible in our community and throughout the world. This is our promise: to stay in the Vine, to grow in Your grace, and to live for Your glory. Amen.

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## 2026 Abide Commitment Card

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*"I am the vine, you are the branches..." — John 15:5*

### My Commitment for 2026:

Recognizing that apart from Christ I can do nothing, I commit to **Abide** in the True Vine this year through these five stages of growth:

1. **ACCEPT My Identity:** I will live as a branch chosen by God, resting in His love rather than my own efforts.
2. **BUILD on the Word:** I will make the Scriptures my daily home, allowing His truth to dwell in me richly.
3. **INVEST for Eternity:** I will steward my time, talents, and treasure for things that have lasting Kingdom value.
4. **DISCIPLINE My Soul:** I will pursue godly habits that prune away distractions and help me grow in holiness.
5. **EXPAND My Influence:** I will be a witness of Christ's love, bearing fruit that nourishes my family, church, and community.

### The "Fruit Check"

*"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." — John 15:8*

This year, I pray to see God produce in me:

- **The Fruit of Repentance:** A heart that turns quickly back to God.
- **The Fruit of Character:** The love, joy, and peace of the Holy Spirit.
- **The Fruit of Conduct:** Righteous actions that honor God in my workplace and home.
- **The Fruit of Evangelism:** Boldness to share the Gospel and make disciples.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2026 ABIDE COMMITMENT CARD

- Will you join us in the Vision of 2026 to abide in Jesus and bear much fruit? If you are ready to commit, please click [here](#) and fill out the **Abide Commitment Card**.
- Once you complete and email ([hlee0414@gmail.com](mailto:hlee0414@gmail.com)) me your commitment card, I look forward to supporting you with consistent spiritual guidance and dedicated prayer throughout 2026.

# SHALOM MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL VISION

- The 2030 Global Ambassador Mandate
  - By the end of 2030, Shalom Grove will have raised and commissioned 100 Ambassadors for Christ serving across 30 nations, establishing a global network of disciples dedicated to the expansion of God's Kingdom.
- Action Goals (Strategic Pillars):
  - **Sustainable Training:** Execute the Ambassador for Christ Intensive twice annually—a three-month immersive program designed to equip leaders with theological depth and missional practicalities.
  - **Evangelistic Mobilization:** Conduct annual summer mission trips to reach the unreached, with a commitment to sharing the Gospel with at least 100 people in each location.
  - **Global Connection:** Facilitate a weekly international Zoom worship gathering, uniting a minimum of 30 global participants in a digital sanctuary for prayer, word, and fellowship.

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