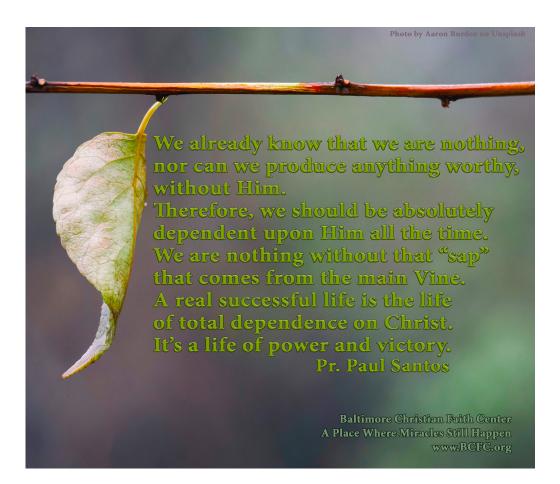
Total and Complete Dependency! Pastor's Desk – July 8, 2018



While our Lord and Savior was on Earth, He made a very powerful statement to His disciples: Joh 15:5 "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. **But you cannot do anything without me.**"

This statement is so powerful that if we would take into consideration the meaning of it, we would live a life of constant dependency on Him not on our talents and abilities! Can we succeed outside the scope of His daily nurturing? Yes, but it will be an anemic success! If it's not a an anemic success, it might eventually lead to eternal separation from Him because it's based on our own "manpower"! The verse proves a necessity to stay connected to Him at all times! When we come into the presence of God, He takes the things of the Spirit and reveals them to us. Our hearts are comforted and nurtured, our faith built up. There is no better way to warm up a heart than by the touching flames of His Spirit. It causes the heavenly fire to burn within us.

It is easy to be brought into a life of total and complete dependency upon our Beloved Savior! We already know that we are nothing, nor can we produce anything worthy, without Him. Therefore, we should be absolutely dependent upon Him all the time. We are nothing without that "sap" that comes from the main Vine. A truly successful life is the life of total dependence on Christ. It's a life of power and victory. If we are not there yet, it's time to get alone with our Lord and be nurtured by Him!

In His service, Pr. Paul Santos