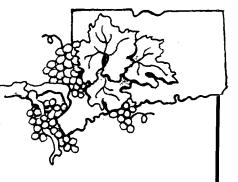


May

Connecticut Grapevine



Dear Connecticut Believers:

God bless you in the wonderful and powerful name of our living lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

In Connecticut, the month of May is the time when many of the trees and shrubs go into full bloom. The flowering buds that have been dormant and changing during the winter break forth in a spectacular display of color. The intricacy and beauty of how God designed all the trees is amazing.

Did you know that many of the flowering trees you see are the result of a graft? The basic purpose of a graft is to take a strong root stock and stem, then combine it with a twig or shoot that brings the desired shape, color, and heartiness of the tree. The union that is made between the two is called the graft. In order for a graft to "take hold," the two parts must be compatible and must form a strong bond or union. When this occurs, the two parts receive the benefits of each other and become a magnificent tree.

God wants us to receive with meekness His Word the same way the two parts of a graft form the solid compatible union.

James 1:21b:

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

As we absorb God's Word and make that Word part of our lives, and eventually all of our lives, we will continue to form a union with God which will bring forth all His beauty and magnificence in our lives. This will continue to make us whole and let all the world see the beauty of God in Christ in us.

During the month of May, let's show forth the beauty of God in all His magnificence in our lives. The strength and beauty of God's Word manifested in our lives is much more powerful and magnificent than all the beauty of the trees and flowers.

In His $1\sqrt[p]{v}$,

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