## Men in Christ – October 2019

Every week there are persons who dare to speak 'about God;' then we step to the brink of blasphemy and dare 'to speak for God.' Then one day – God was a man – God actually spoke – to humans – The Word became flesh.

- 1. 1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 2. John 12:35-36, 46; John 13:30-32; John 14:4-12, 20-23
- $\beta$ . All of this =sets up John 15:1-16
  - a. The vine allusion/metaphor
  - b. What it means: 'To Dwell'
  - c. The fruitful life
  - d. The human life of God Jesus Christ is the food, and the goal, and the meaning of life
  - e. This is light God himself
- 4. God himself (the Godself) has chosen what salvation and sanctification and righteousness is
  - a. God has opened life through Christ
  - b. What is opened is participation in God
  - c. We must eat and drink him
  - d. The vine not the lamb is the Christian Passover
  - e. This is eternal life
  - f. I Corinthians 1:30-31