

1st John # 06

“God the Farmer”

John 15:1-4; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:20-22;

Ezekiel 15:1-8; Matthew 21:33-46

2nd Timothy 3:16-17

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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of truth.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is not a symbol of Israel; Israel was supposed to be a symbol of Him, the true vine but she failed.

To abide is to live within boundaries which are NOT rules and regulations and Jesus is indicating that the boundary is Himself.

When we believe in Jesus Christ, Paul says we are in Christ, our position and when we are in experiential fellowship with Christ, that’s our practice where John says we are abiding in Christ.

Abiding is making our practice match our position as much as possible and the boundaries are living to reflect Jesus’ character, bringing honor to Him by the filling of the Holy Spirit producing the fruit of the Spirit in us.

For the first generations, the basis for nation of Israel was regeneration as the nation founded on the new birth.

Abraham was a Chaldean by natural birth and in regeneration, he became a Jew when he literally “crossed the river” becoming a Hebrew as Israel’s first missionary.

In James 2:21, Abraham was justified or vindicated in the eyes of unbelievers when he offered Isaac.

Israel was the missionary base because they were the custodians of the Word.

Those who became born-again were to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to evangelize.

No one can become a missionary unless he’s born-again.

God created a new race because by the time of Abraham, all old races on earth were incapable of fulfilling His plan.

There was a lot of internationalism which always leads to satanic domination of the international organization, so God created a new race to form a new unique nation to be a priest-nation to Him.

God had a good reason for starting a new race: failure of the three lines of Shem, Ham and Japheth to form a priest-nation to God.

To abide with Christ, the true vine is to be spiritually at home with Him.

God the Father, the farmer-planter cleared the land by removing nations, providing for the fertile planting of His vine for bearing His fruit and at first, it took root in reference to a vibrant spiritual life in Him.