

1st John # 13

“To God the Father be the Glory”

John 15:8

3 Questions: 1. Are you in the Vine? 2. Are you abiding in the Vine?

3. Have you experienced the Father’s purifying, lifting up and pruning?

What is the purpose of human history; salvation?

Yes, but ultimately behind our so great salvation is God’s glory demonstrated.

And how is the Father glorified? By believers becoming committed disciples and bearing much fruit.

Everything TLJC did was to bring glory to the ultimate Farmer, God the Father.

The vine is our example but we must remember, it’s the Vine’s responsibility to produce fruit not the branch’s.

We who are attached to the Vine must abide in the Vine by being available to the Vine.

The quality of fruit is not our responsibility because we take the ride and abide while He provides !

A vine has one distinct purpose which is delegated to its branches and that is to bear fruit although fruit-bearing is not automatic nor inevitable but however, the expected norm of the Church Age believer in Christ.

1. Production is expected of the believer as the normal Christian life.

2. There is no production apart from the empowerment of God Himself.

But to honestly share our innermost thoughts and desires without fear of rejection and to relate like this consistently, is to abide with them and fruit-production in the case of abiding in and with TLJC is the influence of the Holy Spirit producing the character of Christ in us.

The major point of John 15 is that we have no time to waste and we can do nothing apart from Jesus Christ, so it’s vital to stay in tune with Him.

God’s prescription for success is abide in His Son in consistent intimacy with Him accomplished by learning, believing and applying biblical truth.

Jesus said our obedience is a true test of our love for Him.

Our first inhale is the Gospel received and our first exhale is the Gospel believed; so just as it took Gospel truth for our first inhale in our relationship with God, we must have continuous biblical intake or inhale if we’re going to breathe spiritually.

Whenever we find God being glorified by His creatures in Scripture, the basis is grace; all that God is free to do for us because of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross.

In grace, God does the work and gets credit and in legalism, man does human good work, gets the credit and expects blessing for his own glory.