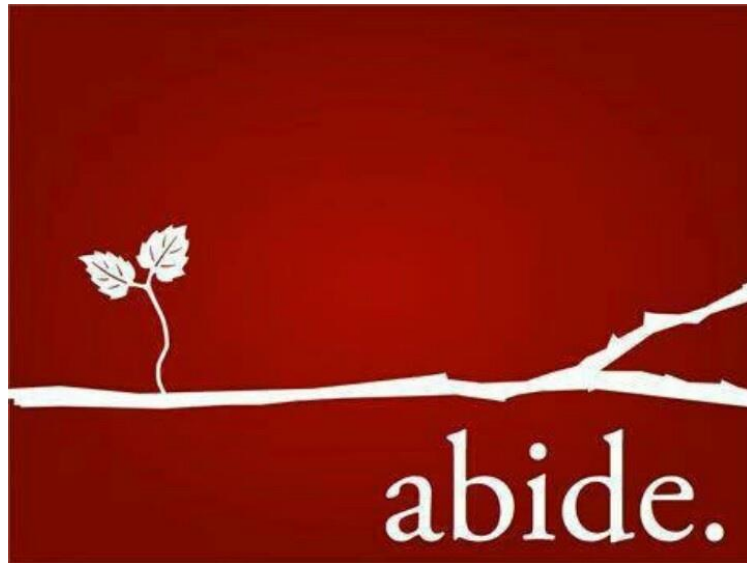


Our Response



“The Vine & the Branches”
John 15:1-11

July 15, 2018
Gospel of Belief



The Characters (15:1):

True Vine: _____

Vinedresser: _____

Branches: _____

The Command:

_____ *remain in, stay in, continue, connect, depend on, dwell in*

The Theology:

_____ *mutual indwelling*

The Question: What does it mean to abide in Christ?

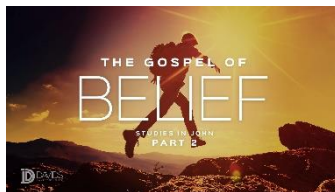
1. We _____

“Abide in Me, and I in you”

Without Christ people are dead **(2a, 6)**

“Judas Branches”

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.



*Next Sunday: John 15:18-25
When the World Hates You*

2. We _____ (2b-5)
All Christians WILL bear fruit, no such thing as a fruitless Christian

Types of Fruit

Fruit of _____ (Gal 5:22-23)

Fruit of _____ (Heb 12:11)

Fruit of _____ (Col 1:10)

Facts about Fruit

We must _____ (2b)

We must _____ (3)

We must _____ (4-5)

3. We _____ (2b-5)
Mutual indwelling, we abide in Him & His Word abides in us

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

4. We _____ (8)
*Bearing Fruit = Proving we are disciples = Glorifying God
"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever"*

Who gets the glory?

Luke 6:26 *Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.*

5. We _____ (9a)
Jesus loves us to the same extent God loves Him

How do we respond to Jesus' great love? (9b)

6. We _____ (10)
Jesus loves the Father therefore Jesus obeys Him, we love Jesus therefore we obey Him, which enables us to Abide in His Love.

7. We _____ (11)
Happiness is circumstantial. Joy is based on our identity in Christ .

Hebrews 12:2 *Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

8. We _____ (12-13,17)

Command: _____

Extent: _____

Example: _____

9. We _____ (14-15)
All other religions make slaves, Jesus makes friends

10. We _____ (16)

Jesus _____

Jesus _____

The Abiding Christian is chosen, alive in Christ, bears fruit, loves God's Word, gives God the glory, is loved by Jesus, obeys Him, is filled with joy, loves others & is God's friend.