

*Scripture
Reading:*

John 15: 1-6

**Making the
Performance of
Righteous Activities
Habitual**

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

You are continually seen by God as righteous in Christ - II Cor 5:21



Putting your heavenly positional righteousness into practice here on Earth requires:

Yielding yourselves to God - Rom 6:13

Yielding your bodily members as weapons that perform **righteous activities**

Putting positional righteousness into practice with **CONSISTENCY** requires **ABIDING**

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION: The Process of Making Righteous Activity More Consistent

“ABIDING” is not simply knowing about your position, but experiencing ease and comfort in your position

- To feel at ease; to feel at home
 - Where to abide? “In Christ”, “In Him”
 - How to “abide”:
 - Count true (reckon) what God counts true
 - Dead to sin, alive unto God - Rom 6:11
 - Seek those things above – Col 3:1
 - Frame your mind on those things – Col 3:2

Review of the Participants of Righteous Fruit-bearing (Jn 15:1-5)

The Father = the Farmer

Jesus = the Vine

NT grace-believers = the branches in the Vine

The Production of Righteousness (Fruit)

- ◇ Potential for producing righteousness
 - ◇ By initial salvation – Jn 15:3. cf Jn 13:10, 8:24
 - ◇ The non-productive branch is IN the VINE (Christ) – cf Jn 14:20
- ◇ Production of righteous FRUIT
 - ◇ Requires initial salvation

The Production of Righteousness (Fruit)

continued

◇ Production of MORE righteous FRUIT

◇ Requires “cleaning” – I Jn 1:9

◇ We can and should “clean ourselves *before* we sin – Titus 2:11-12

◇ Production of MUCH righteous FRUIT

◇ Requires abiding – Jn 15:5,8

Refusal to be Carried on to Maturity (Abiding in Christ)

Hebrews 6:1

- ◆ The unproductive, non-abiding branch is *cast outside* of the only place of fruit- production – Jn 13:2,4-5
- ◆ The unproductive *results* of the non-abiding branch *are burned, but the branch itself is saved* - cf I Cor 3:13-15, Heb 6:7-8

CONCLUSION

◇ John 15:1-6

- ◇ Jesus' instruction on producing righteous fruit with increasing consistency. This passage does NOT teach the possibility of losing one's initial salvation, but of the gain or loss of using that salvation.