

SERMON OUTLINE

CHRIST THROUGH US

Genesis 12:1-9

Acts 1:1,2

John 15:1-16

(the 4th sermon in the series on the christian's relationship with Christ)

CHRIST FOR US.....trust and gratitude

CHRIST WITH UScultivating closeness to Christ

CHRIST IN US.....drawing on His strength within

CHRIST THROUGH US.....

Jesus ministry on earth was limited -

- in its geographical scope "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Matthew 15:24

- in its moral and ethical application -
"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world" Matthew 5:13,14

Note the significance of Acts 1:1,2

"the former took about all Jesus BEGAN to do and teach"

I. THE PURPOSE CHRIST HAS FOR US.

"I am the vine you are the branches.....bear fruit"

John 15:1,2,5,16

- a) Christ's Gospel to proclaim to the neighbours and the nations.
Matt.28:18-20, Acts 1:8
- b) Christ's teachings to apply to our lives and to our community.
Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:14-16

II. THE PRINCIPLE CHRIST TEACHES US.

"I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains (abides) in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit" John 15:5

"He who would be always abounding in the work of the Lord, must be always abiding in the Lord of the work" C.H.Nash.

III THE PROMISE CHRIST MAKES TO US

a) Increasing fruitfulness

"fruit...more fruit...much fruit" John 15:1,,2,5

b) Abounding joy

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" John 15:11

CHRIST THROUGH US.....availability

CHRIST OVER US.....worship and serve