

Appendix 1: John Brown

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Everything under the Old Testament economy [that is, everything in the old covenant and its law] was ‘a shadow’, and [better, but] ‘the body is of Christ’ [Col. 2:17]. The law, which was a shadow of good things, came by Moses; the truth, as well as the grace came by – in – Christ Jesus [John 1:17]. He is, personally, the *true* bread from heaven, in contradistinction to the manna. He is the *true* priest, the *true* sacrifice. He, as the Head of the church [the *ekklēsia*] – or, in other words, his church [his *ekklēsia*], with him as their Head – is the true mystical vine, of which the figurative vine of Israel¹ was but a type – just as they are the true ‘circumcision’ [Phil. 3:2] – the true ‘chosen nation’ [1 Pet. 2:9-10] – the true ‘peculiar people’ [that is, God’s own people] – the true ‘royal priesthood’ – the true ‘sons of God’. The church [*ekklēsia*] of Christ, with him as its Head, fully realises [that is, gives actual form to], in vitality, in expansion, in fruitfulness, all that Israel,² as the vine of God’s planting, figuratively represented. Such, then, is... the import of these words, spoken by our Lord, as the Head of his body the church [*ekklēsia*]: ‘I am the true vine’. ‘My church [*ekklēsia*], united to me, and in consequence of being united to me, shall completely verify the ancient emblem under which Israel,³ itself an emblem, was represented’.⁴

¹ Original ‘the Jewish church’; this is wrong. Israel was Israel, the old-covenant people of God; the *ekklēsia* is the new-covenant people of God. ‘*A Gospel Church*’.

² See the previous note.

³ See the previous note.

⁴ John Brown: *Discourses and Sayings of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, emphasis original.