

ABIDE IN ME

JOHN 15:1-11

Text: John 15:6

John 15:4

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Introduction:

To “abide” in Christ means to dwell, stay, remain, continue permanently, endure, stand firm, adhere to, maintain, fixed or permanent in a particular condition, bear patiently.

Note the privilege and profit of abiding in Him

1. RECEIVE WHAT COMES THROUGH THE VINE TO THE BRANCHES

A. Different needs

1. Will sometimes be pleasant: His presence will give a sense of well-being, and satisfaction

2. Will sometimes be unpleasant: His leadership, or plan for your life, may bring circumstances that are frightening

- He never takes you into something to abandon you. Will see you and bring you through it.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Psalms 23:4

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- He always hears you however difficult a spot you may be in. God is not deaf.

Isaiah 59:1

¹ Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Jeremiah 33:3

³ Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

- He always teaches you some lessons of value to help you and to help others through you.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

³ Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴ Who comforteth

us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

B. Delightful deeds

1. Only good things will come from vine to branches. (Mt. 7:11)

Matthew 7:11

¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

2. Only God's truth will bring from vine to branches what is needed. (Rom. 8:27)

Romans 8:27

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

2. REVIVED BY WHAT COMES THROUGH THE VINE TO THE BRANCHES

A. Branches seasonally become withered in appearance. (Num. 17:8)

Numbers 17:8

⁸ And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

1. Return of proper season renews: Luster, new life, greenery, fruit, blossoms that are fragrant. (Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:23)

Colossians 3:10

¹⁰ And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Ephesians 4:23

²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

2. Renewed appearance for all to see:
Shows, glows, grows. (II Cor. 3:2)

2 Corinthians 3:2

² Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

- Without Him and His supplies our ability is zero

John 15:5

⁵ I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

3. REWARD FOR WHAT COMES THROUGH THE VINE TO THE BRANCHES

A. The way He rewards

John 15:7

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

1. With answers to prayer

John 15:7

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

2. With an attitude of peace

John 15:11

¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

3. With awards of productivity

John 15:8

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

B. The Why of the Reward

Psalms 84:11

¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

1. His promise we can count on

Romans 4:20-21

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

2. His presence we can count on

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

1 Peter 3:12

¹² For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.