

ABIDE IN ME

JOHN 15:1-4

Text: John15:4

John 15:4 (KJV)

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:

John 15 is a personal invitation to believers from Jesus to abide with Him daily.

With thousands of words in the English abide is probably not one that you use often. We all understand the phrases, “let’s go” or “hurry up!” We tend to use words that keep us on the go or moving, but rarely do we use words to causes us to abide.

Webster defines the word abide this way: “to remain or settle down.”

Our world and even in churches there is such emphasis placed on be busy and being mobile that the very thought of remaining with something or someone has negative connotations.

The Lord spoke the words in our text. No fewer than eight times in this passage He tells His disciples “Abide in Me.” In other words He was telling them to “Remain

with Him,” or to “Settle down into a relationship with Him.

Let it be normal and natural that we would commune together day by day and moment by moment.

What does it mean to abide, personally, with Jesus Christ? Is this some sort of figurative concept or is it something that we can really enjoy.

Let’s consider what it means to abide in the presence of Christ.

1. THE SUPREMACY OF HIS PRESENCE

- A. Jesus is the I AM
- B. Jesus is the True Vine
- C. Believers share the life of the vine as branches

2. THE INVITATION TO HIS PRESENCE

- A. Abide in Me
 - 1. Bible study
 - 2. Prayer
 - 3. Trials

- B. I in You

3. THE CONSOLATION OF HIS PRESENCE

A. Eternal Love

B. Perfect Love

C. Unchangeable Love