



Sunday 24 November 2013

ABIDING IN JESUS



SCRIPTURES

- John 15:1-11

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“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

JOHN 15:1-11

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

JESUS SAID

- “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**” (John 10:9-10)
- “My Father is glorified by this, that you **bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.**” (John 15:8)
- “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. (John 17:14-16)

GOALS OF OUR LIFE

- Pursue and enjoy 'abundant life'
- Bear much fruit and glorify the Father
- Don't let this world define you

ABIDE IN HIM

- The key to our life: abide in Him
 - not abide in doctrine, church
 - Everything we enjoy and do is to flow out of a thriving personal relationship with Him
- Abide
 - to remain, tarry, not to depart, continue to be present, to be held or kept continually, to continue to be, to last, to endure, to survive, to remain as one and not become different or another

ABIDE IN HIM

- Abide
 - in Him
 - in His Word
 - in His Love

ABIDE IN HIM

- Abiding in His Word
 - What 'word' abides in you?
 - Continually come back to something He said
 - or at least frequently...
- Abiding in His Love
 - make a big deal about His love for you

