



Sunday 8 December 2013

ABIDING IN JESUS
3. ABIDING IN HIS WORD (PART 1)



SCRIPTURES

- John 15:1-6

JOHN 15:1-11

“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.

SO FAR...

- John 15:1-11 is about
 - what God wants for us
 - how it comes about
- 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

SO FAR...

- What God wants for us
 - “Fruit”
 - Experiencing salvation ourselves
 - Abundant life
 - Every need met
 - So much so that you can meet the needs of others
 - Character - fruit of the Holy Spirit’s work
 - Disciple others

ABIDING IN HIM

- How does it come about?
 - **Abide** in 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
 - not the same as “to be in Him”

ABIDE IN HIM

- Abide in Him
 - in His Word
 - in His Love
- Abiding in His Word
 - Remain in His Word, let His Word remain in you
 - Read it
 - Be occupied with it
 - Let it have highest place
 - Continually allow what He's said to overrule what you would otherwise think and say



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