



Sunday 15 December 2013

ABIDING IN JESUS
4. ABIDING IN HIS WORD (PART 2)



SCRIPTURES

- John 15:4-5, 7-8
- Also,
 - Psalm 1: 1-3
 - Luke 8:11-15

JOHN 15:4-5, 7-8

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.

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.

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

SO FAR...

- 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”

ABIDING IN HIS WORD

- Letting His Word abide
 - 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

PSALM 1:1-3

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.³ He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

LUKE 8:11-15

“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. ¹² Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

KEYS TO HIS WORD ABIDING

- Recognize His promises are for you
- Recognize its not instant...
- Recognize the need for His Word remain in you
 - Read it
 - Be occupied with it
- Recognize the need to humble yourself
 - Keep back your servant from presumption!
 - Let it have highest place
 - Continually allow what He's said to overrule what you would otherwise think and say

