



Sunday 22 December 2013

ABIDING IN JESUS
5. ABIDING IN HIS LOVE



SCRIPTURES

- John 15:4-5, 7-8

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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. 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: fruitfulness (abundant life)
 - how it comes about: abiding in Jesus
 - ‘my joy’ in you!
- The key to life: **abide in Him**
 - Everything we enjoy and do is to flow out of a thriving personal relationship with Him

SO FAR...

- Abiding in Jesus:
 - Abiding in His Word
 - Remain in His Word, let His Word remain in you
 - Recognize **His promises are for you**
 - Recognize **its not instant...**
 - Recognize **the need** for His Word to remain in you
 - Read it, be occupied with it
 - Recognize **the need to humble yourself**

ROMANS 5:6-8

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 8:35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ABIDING IN HIS LOVE

- Jesus loves you as the Father loves Him
 - Don't let that become background
 - Everything you tackle must be in the context of His love for you!
 - Romans 5, 8
- **“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.”**
 - Obeying Him keeps us in His love (!)
 - Why should you do what He says?

