



Sunday 29 December 2013

ABIDING IN JESUS
6. ABIDING IN HIS LOVE - PART II



SCRIPTURES

- John 15:4-5, 7-8
- Romans 8:38-39
- Galatians 2:20-21
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JOHN 15:4-5, 7-11

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.

ROMANS 8:38-39

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.

GALATIANS 2:20-21

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

I JOHN 2:3-6

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ **but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected.** By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

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
 - Let it richly dwell within you
 - “As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.” 1John 2:24
 - Abiding in His Love

ABIDING IN HIS LOVE

- Jesus loves you as the Father loves Him
 - This drives everything else in our lives
- So how?
 - know his love for you
 - believe His love for you
 - recall to mind His love for you
 - Obey what He says (!)

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

ABIDING IN HIS LOVE

- So how?
 - Obey what He says (!)
 - What comes first?
 - Being loved
 - Obeying Him



LAMENTATIONS 3:19-25

Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.²⁰ Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. ²¹ This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.²² The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.

THE COMMANDS OF JESUS

1. Repent—Matthew 4:17, Luke 13
2. Let not your heart be troubled—John 14:27, John 16:33, Matthew 6:25-26, Philippians 4:6-7
3. Follow me—Matthew 4:19
4. Rejoice—Matthew 5:12, (Also 2 Corinthians 6:10, 12:10, James 1:2-4)
5. Let your light shine—Matthew 5:16
6. Honor God's law—Matthew 5:17-19
7. Be reconciled—Matthew 5:24-25
8. Do not commit adultery—Matthew 5:27-30
9. Keep your word—Matthew 5:33-37
10. Go the second mile—Matthew 5:38-42
11. Love your enemies—Matthew 5:44
12. Be perfect—Matthew 5:48
13. Practice secret disciplines (giving, praying, fasting)—Matthew 6:1-18
14. Lay up treasures in heaven—Matthew 6:19-21

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15. Seek first the kingdom of God—Matthew 6:33
16. Judge not—Matthew 7:1-2
17. Do not throw your pearls to pigs—Matthew 7:6
18. Ask, seek, and knock—Matthew 7:7-8
19. Do unto others—Matthew 7:12
20. Choose the narrow way—Matthew 7:13-14
21. Beware of false prophets—Matthew 7:15
22. Pray for those who spread the word—Matthew 9:37-38
23. Be as shrewd as serpents—Matthew 10:16. (Also Romans 16:19)
24. Fear God. Do not fear man— Matthew 10:28 (Also Luke 12:4-5)
25. Listen to God's voice—Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:43, Mark 4:23, Luke 14:35, 1 Kings 19:11-13
26. Take my yoke—Matthew 11:29
27. Honor your parents—Matthew 15:4
28. Beware of false teaching—Matthew 16:6, 11-12
29. Deny yourself—Luke 9:23 (Also Matthew 10:38 and Mark 8:34)

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30. Do not despise little ones—Matthew 18:10
31. Go to Christians who offend you—Matthew 18:15 (Also Galatians 6:1)
32. Forgive offenders—Matthew 18:21-22 (Also Proverbs 19:11)
33. Beware of covetousness—Luke 12:15
34. Honor marriage—Matthew 19:6, 19:9
35. Lead by being a servant—Matthew 20:26-28
36. Make the church a house of prayer for all nations—Mark 11:17
37. Pray in faith—Matthew 21:21-22, John 15:7
38. Bring in the poor—Luke 14:12-14
39. Render unto Caesar—Matthew 22:19-21
40. Love the Lord—Matthew 22:37-38
41. Love your neighbor—Matthew 22:39
42. Be born again—John 3:7
43. Await my return—Matthew 24:42-44

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- 44. Celebrate the Lord's supper—Matthew 26:26- 27
- 45. Watch and pray—Matthew 26:41
- 46. Keep my commandments—John 14:15
- 47. Feed my sheep—John 21:15-16
- 48. Make and baptize disciples—Matthew 28:19
- 49. Teach disciples to obey—Matthew 28:20
- 50. Receive God's power—Luke 24:49