

Abiding in Jesus

John 15:4 Jesus tells us: Abide in me at all times as I am in you. As a branch is not able to give fruit of itself, if it is not still on the vine, so you are not able to do so if you are not in me.

What does Abiding in Jesus mean? First we must understand what abiding means.

Abiding literally means to stay or remain

To abide in the Lord means that we continually receive, believe and trust that Jesus is everything we need.

If you are a Christian and a disciple of the Lord, your faith will be tested.

This can come in many forms: A bad doctor's report—loss of someone you love that was unexpected—

Loss of a job—financial hardship—or just some of the crazy things we see and hear in this world

All these things and many, many more can and will test your faith and make it difficult to abide in Jesus.

Are you abiding in Jesus and standing on the Word of God?

John 1:1 tells us read John 1:1--5

Abiding in Jesus, means you are also abiding in the Word. You cannot abide in the Word or Jesus you must abide in them together because they are one.

John 1:14 says And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and behold His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

So first thing to remember today is that when you abide in Jesus you also abide in the Word.

Why is this important?

I have heard many of people say yes I'm a Christian and I believe in Jesus but I'm not sure about all that stuff in the Bible.

Yeah I believe most of it but there some of it I'm just not sure about.

Factual, truthful description of what they just said is: I believe in Jesus but some of the things that is written in the Bible don't fit the way I want to live so I'm not real sure I believe it.

What do I tell you guys every week? This book is for direction and correction.

The more direction you allow it to give you, the less correction you will need.

If you choose not to read it or follow the direction the more correction you will need.

So here is where the problem starts: if I say I abide in Jesus, I must say I abide in the Word

Then we start thinking: I do abide in Jesus I keep him with me at all times but boy I fall short in abiding to the Word.

If anyone in here was thinking that, I've got good news for you today.

Romans 8:1 says there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Jesus Christ, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit.

Another words if you abide in Christ you are blessed and covered by blood and a tremendous amount of grace.

When you abide in Jesus, Jesus also abides in you.

John 15:7 says if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.

Now let's get back to that test of faith thing. Where we were talking about a bad doctor's report or financial hardship or loss of a job.

A lightbulb should have just went off in your head. Read John 15:7 again

Jesus just told me that if I abide in him and the Word, anything I ask of him, I will have.

Do you believe that? If you say you do then when these test of faith come along we should be abiding in the Lord, with great reassurance that he is in control, knows what I need and will grant me anything I ask that is in line with His Word.

Abiding in the Lord gives you strength 1 Corinthians 13:13 says And now abide faith hope and love, these three but the greatest is love.

1 John 2:24 says Therefore 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.

Read 1 John 2:27

John 15:5 says I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing

1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Psalm 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;

My God in Him I will trust

The word abide appears 82 times in the Bible—The word abideth appears 30 times and the word abiding appears 9 times.

Jesus wants you to abide in Him—He wants you to understand the WORD

There are so many promises that he has made to you, yet you know very little or none of them because you do not abide in Him and the Word.

Jesus wants great things for your life.

He wants you to have and live in peace

He wants you in health and to fulfill all your days

He wants you to live in abundance

He wants you to be fruitful

He wants you to be faithful

He wants you to be hopeful and assured

He wants you to love and know that you are loved

He tells us to abide in him because we cannot do this alone.

He doesn't want or expect us to do this alone

He wants a relationship with you

He loved you enough to go to the cross for you

His expectation is a relationship with you abiding in Him

And in that relationship you will find faith, hope and love.

If you're not abiding in the Lord I encourage you to start today

If you have a pulse it's not too late

