

## Doctrine of Abiding in Christ

1. The Christian is instructed to abide in Christ.
2. The word abide (Greek, μένω, meno), is rendered in other ways. It means, “dwell”, “remain”, “continue”, “endure”, “be present”, “stand”, and, “tarry (for)”.
3. The Lord wants men to believe in Him so that they will not abide in moral and spiritual darkness.
4. The Lord has prayed to the Father to send the Comforter so that He may abide in the believer for ever.
5. There are spiritual blessings associated with abiding in Christ.
  - Much fruit. *John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*
  - Occupation with the Person of Christ through His Word. *John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*
  - Answered prayer. *John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*
  - Glorification of the Father. *John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*
  - Loved by Christ. *John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*
  - Imitate Christ. *John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*
  - Fulfilled joy. *John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*
  - Capacity to love others. *John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

- Friendship with the Living Lord. *John 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*
  - Doctrinal integrity. *1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.*
6. Those who do not abide in Christ are cast forth.
- *John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*
7. One strong motive for abiding in Christ is so that there will be no shame at His second coming when we must all stand before the Lord as Judge.
- *1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*