

Come and See: The Life That Abides (John 15)

What Is Abiding?

- To Abide Is to Stay, Remain, Continue, Maintain a Connection - Jo 1:38-39
 - ...often a dwelling/lodging - Jo 14:2
 - ...sometimes a life to share - Jo 14:23

Why Abide in Christ?

- He Is Our True Source for Everything Christian - Col 2:10; II Pet 1:3-4
 - ...the "True Vine" implies there are many false vines - Jo 15:1
 - ...the vine is the source of the branch's vitality, fertility, and identity
 - (the branch, on its own, produces "nothing") - Jo 15:5
- We Have an Adversary in the Garden of Life - Jo 14:30; Gen 3:1-15
 - ...abide in Christ and he has "nothing" in us

What Are the Consequences of Abiding (or not) in Christ?

- Fruitfulness: We Will Share in the Character and Activity of God - Jo 15:5
 - ...all fruit is produce of the vine! - Jo 15:4
- Friendship: We Will Share in Mutuality and Reciprocity - Jo 15:15
 - ...friends reveal things! - Jo 14:21
- Fearlessness: We Will Share in the Perfect Love of God Which Casts Out Our Fears
 - Jo 15:9; I Jo 4:18-19
 - ...we will lose the fear of imperfect people! - Ga 1:10
- An Absurd Joy: We Will Share in the Holy Gladness of the Unseen and Eternal God
 - Jo 15:11; II Cor 6:10; 7:4; Heb 12:2
 - ...a joy no one can take from us! - Jo 16:22
- Trouble/Hatred: We Will Share in the Unholy Hatred Directed at God - Jo 15:18-19
 - ...we will bear witness to Christ! - Jo 15:26-27