

Abiding in Christ

John 15:4-8 (NKJV)

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, 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, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The only way to bear real, lasting fruit, and an abundance of it, is to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in you. The Holy Spirit pours the life and nature of God into us, but this new life and nature is only evidenced as this mutual abiding exists.

ABIDE – Stay connected to Jesus! How?

Fellowship with Him through the Logos and Rhema.
(Verse 7: and My words abide in you)

You must abide in Christ to safeguard against the negativity of the world, which is continually telling you that there's something wrong with you and there's something missing in your life.

John 15:4-8 (NIV)

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

REMAIN – Stay focused on the new covenant and who you are in Christ.

Don't depart from the way God is relating to you today.

Study the Bible in light of the new covenant and according to who you are in Christ.

John 15:4-8 (AMPC)

4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

6 If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

8 When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

DWELL – Be aware of the indwelling Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit.

LIVE – Display the fruit of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will manifest the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (AMPC)

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence).

The Holy Spirit moves God's Word from your head to your heart so that it will produce results in your life!

John 15:7 (Wuest)

If you maintain a living communion with Me and My words are at home in you, I command you to ask, at once, something for yourself, whatever your heart desires, and it will become yours.

When God's Word abides, remains, dwells, and lives in your heart, you'll be asking according to God's will. As a result, you will enjoy your heart's desire, which includes all the promises of God and all the benefits of your salvation.