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Wayne Braudrick

Abide in Jesus

John 15:1-17

Live Joy Full Series

Life Change: We abide in Christ

“Meno is translated abide, dwell, or remain...”

Jesus details the meaning & power of abiding

John 15:1-17

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 – Mark Yarborough, “The Secret to a Fruitful Life”

What does *meno* achieve?

Fruitfulness

John 15:5,16-17,13

Love

John 15:9-10

Calm confidence

1 John 4:15-19

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Joy

John 15:11

True happiness is to rejoice in the truth, for to rejoice in the truth is to rejoice in You, O God, who are the truth...Those who think that there is another kind of happiness look for joy elsewhere, but theirs is not true joy.
 – Augustine of Hippo, *Homily on John 15*

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How did you find us?

- Online Ad
- All the Difference
- Website
- Family/Friend _____

Are you a member of another church?
Name/Location _____ / _____

I am new in the community

Do you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/ I'd like to know more

I/we made a decision today:

- To place my/our trust in Jesus Christ
- For a deeper commitment to Christ
- To be baptized
- To learn more about joining this church

Names of those making this decision:

Prayer Request/Praise

Your Request will be added to our email prayer chain unless specified otherwise (below).

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JOHN 15:11

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

meno

1 Jn 4:15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God—God remains in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.** ^{CSB}

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From two years ago...



What do you think happened to those runners? They were dead the next day. They didn't remain in the soil and thus they became useless. By the way, speaking of dead, our labradoodle caught that rabbit.

I know some of you love suburban Thumpers, so I won't say what happened...just that the sod is doing really well now.



**Mail from those upset
about the possibility of
a dead rabbit**



**Mail from those who
understood the point
about rootedness**



¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

John 15 CSB

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⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

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11 “I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

12 “This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you.

13 No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.

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There is no life outside of Jesus.



**⁶Jesus said to him,
“I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life.”**

John 14 CSB

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James Elliot and Steven Curtis Chapman, “Jesus is Life”

Imagine the deepest sea without a drop of water

An infinite galaxy without even one single star

That’s how I would be

So absolutely empty

Without Jesus’ life in me

There’d be no life at all

More than just a part

He’s the very heart

Of everything I am

This is my position concerning my condition

This is my position my life by definition

Jesus is life,

The air I'm breathing

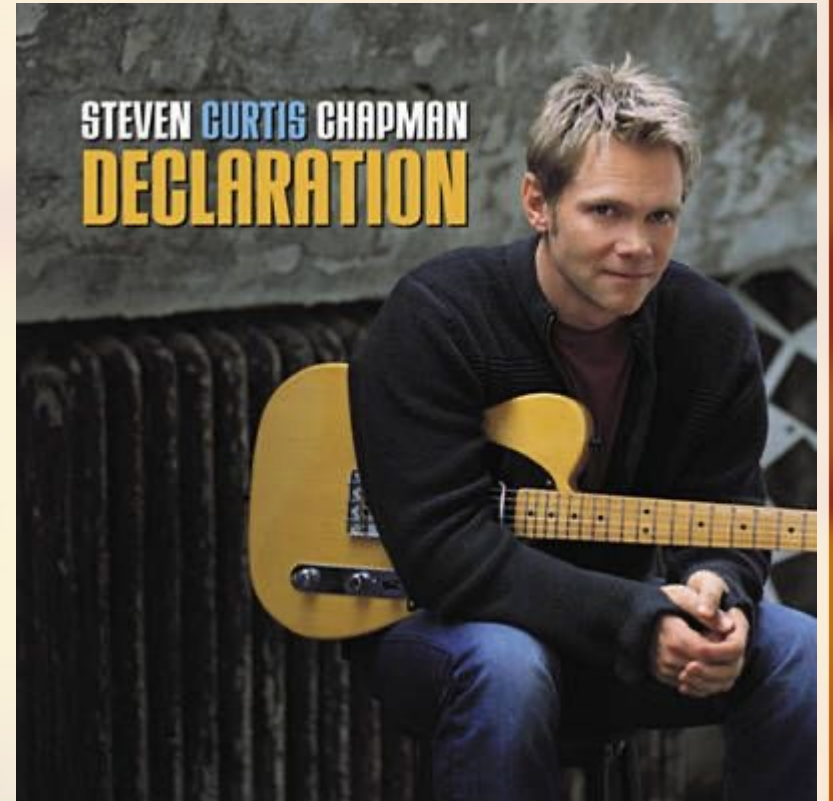
Why my heart is beating

Everything I'm needing

Jesus is life

– James Elliot and Steven Curtis

Chapman, “Jesus is Life”





**Ttttt. Tttt.
Tt.**

**“Well of course
you say that.
Everybody who
attends church
knows to dwell
down deep in
Jesus’ warren.”**

Have you ever:

- **Thought how much happier you would be with more money?**
- **Thrown yourself into work, a relationship, or an activity with the thought in your mind that this would fulfill you?**
- **Defined yourself, even if just partially, by anything other than Jesus? (Common expressions include fandom, family or clan, abilities, and political party.)**
- **Gone days without really talking to God or listening to Him through the Bible?**
- **Doubted whether Jesus really wanted you or would keep you in His hand?**

Culture offers us tempting invitations to abide in all sorts of pursuits. For example, Wall Street tells us that money will make us happy. Hollywood tantalizes us with visions of popularity and promiscuity. Madison Avenue plays the siren song of possessions – if we drive the right car, wear the right watch, vacation at the best resort, we'll enjoy a fulfilling life. If we abide with these messages long enough, they ultimately lead to a bankrupt and tired soul. – Jeff Spadafora, *The Joy Model*



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John 8:31 Jesus therefore said to the Jews who had put their trust in him, “If you continue (*meinēte* | μείνητε | aorist active subjunctive 2nd person plural) in my word, you are truly my disciples.”

12:24 I tell you the solemn truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains (*menei* | μένει | present active indicative 3rd person singular) a single kernel; but if it dies it produces a great harvest.

12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain (*meinē* | μείνη | aorist active subjunctive 3rd person singular) in darkness.

Thanks to Bill Mounce for guidance on this list.

15:4 Abide (*meinate* | μείνατε | aorist active imperative 2nd person plural) in me and I will abide in you. Just as the branch is not able to bear fruit by itself, unless it abides (*menē* | μένη | present active subjunctive 3rd person singular) in the vine, so neither can you [abide doesn't appear in English as it sounds repetitious] (*menēte* | μένητε | present active subjunctive 2nd person plural) unless you abide (*menēte* | μένητε | present active subjunctive 2nd person plural) in me.

15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; men gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15 CSB

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These two verses seem to encapsulate what Jesus meant by “abide.” For the grape branch, attachment to the vine gives life and enables the natural production of fruit. The attachment is not glue or magnetic or mechanical adhesion, but interwoven, living connection. Life flows from the vine to the branches and the branches are made part of the life of the vine. Implied in this is utter, complete dependence on God working through Messiah Jesus. – Martin MacDonald

John 15 CSB

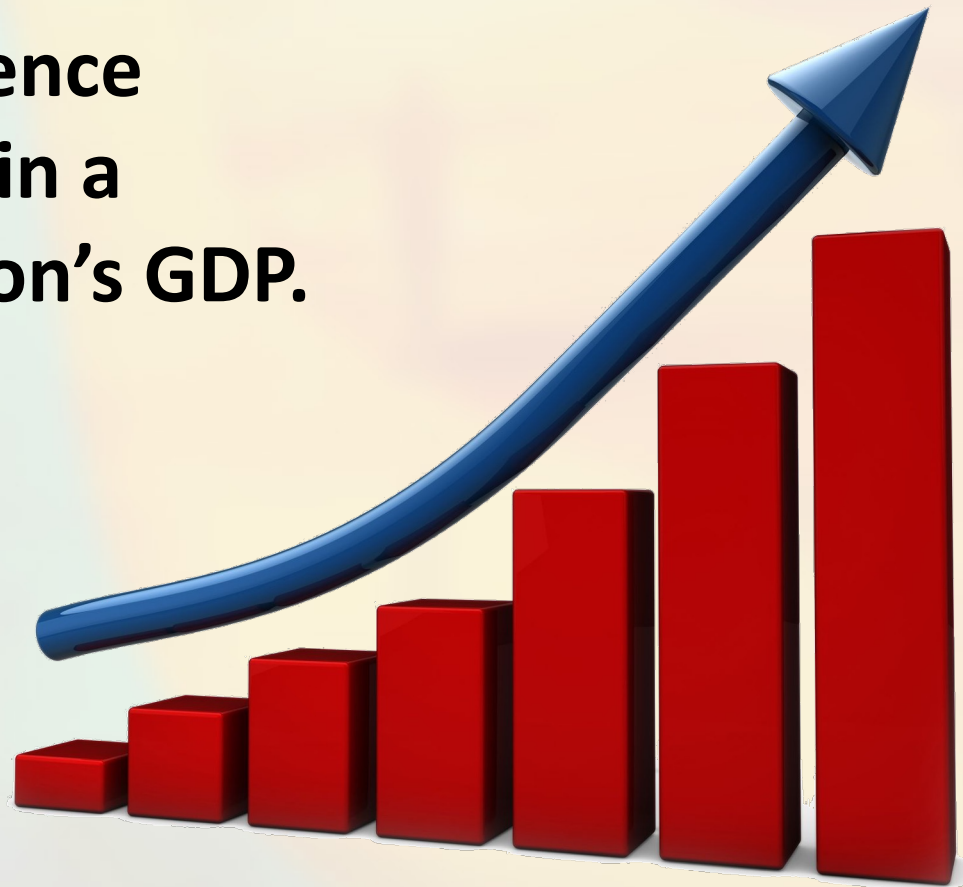
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¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ^{NLT}

Summary of Max Weber's "Protestant Work Ethic"

As the presence and influence of biblical Christians rises in a country, so does that nation's GDP.



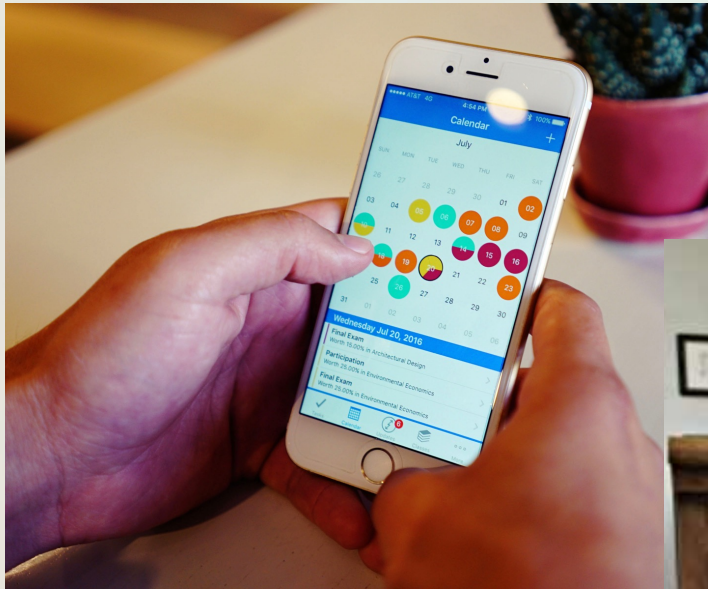
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- The Christian abides in Jesus and naturally produces much fruit because of God's empowerment.**
- That empowerment comes because of Jesus' election and appointment.**
- Sent out to live in Jesus' name, according to His ethic, Christians make lasting impact through sacrificial love.**
- Jesus' ultimate command is based on His ultimate example of self-sacrifice. One cannot bear fruit without being continuously filled by God and emptied of self.**

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courtesy Janna Braudrick

You think God has
given you money for
yourself! How sad.



courtesy Janna Braudrick

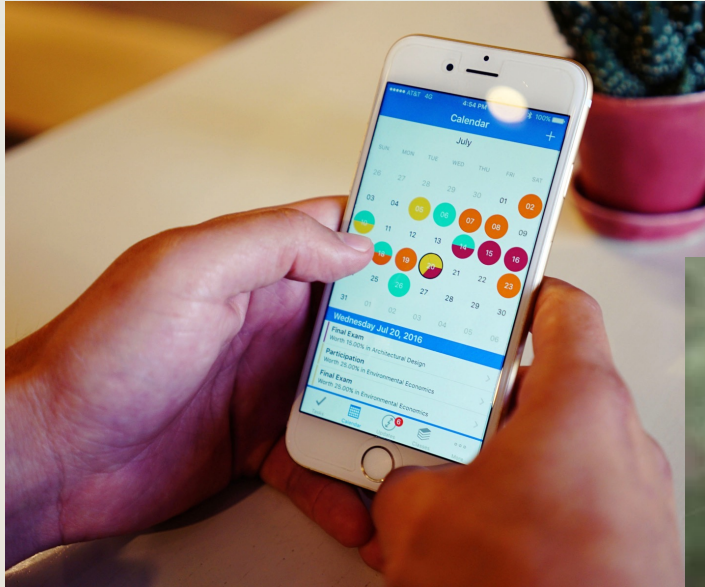
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To: Paster Wayne

Dear Frend

I Love your Smile so much

And your Smile is Good too me.

Love, yor Frend



⁹ “As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

John 15 CSB

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- Jesus eternally exists in a shared Triunity with the Father (and Spirit.)**
- He actively dwelt in that relationship during His earthly advent.**
- That abiding empowered obedience to their plan, expressed in self-sacrificial love.**

- Christians now will eternally exist as new creations in Jesus.**
- We should actively abide in that relationship during our earthly days.**
- That abiding empowers obedience to God’s command, expressed in self-sacrificial love.**

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15:9 As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; abide (*meinate* | μείνατε | aorist active **imperative** 2nd person plural) in my love.

15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide (*meneite* | μενεΐτε | future active **indicative** 2nd person plural) in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide (*menō* | μένω | present active **indicative** 1st person singular) in his love.

The imperative to abide thus becomes a reconciliation of our life to God's reality. It becomes an act of faith and utter dependence on God's empowerment. Spiritual maturity becomes a movement away from independence and self-dependence to complete dependence on the Holy Spirit working through us to produce fruit as we live moment by moment in Christ.

– a momentarily shy member of the FBC pulpit team

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1 John 4 ESV

Controlled by fear
Laurent Proneur
2015

courtesy 1stdibs



In America, we have a generation of people under 30 who have grown up in demonstrably the most safe and secure setting in human history. And yet they seem to be the most anxious generation in American history.



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Calm confidence?

#1 I forget God is sovereign and assume that it's up to me to make sure all works out right.

never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 always

#2 I doubt God's love for me and/or my justification through faith in Jesus.

never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 always

#3 When others are fearful over world events, I become frightened also.

never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 always

#4 I talk and/or think a lot about how other people are fearful and positively compare myself to them.

never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 always

**⁵ LORD, you are my portion and my cup of blessing;
you hold my future.**

**⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**


**⁷ I will bless the LORD who counsels me—
even at night when my thoughts trouble me.**

**⁸ I always let the LORD guide me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.**

Psalm 16 CSB

Fear is at the root of all sin and is the driving force of the False Self – that character, personality, title, position, and identity that we build up for public display. We need to [rest in] God’s safety net of perfect love because when we stop living the False Self, people will judge and reject us. [Fearing that rejection] we slip into posturing and posing so that people will see us as likeable, lovable, smart, successful, and funny...If instead we shift our minds to care only about the opinion of the most forgiving Judge, we’ll find freedom from the toxic emotions that drive anti-joy behaviors. – Jeff Spadafora, *The Joy Model*





**I have told you these things
so that you will be filled
with my joy.
Yes, your joy will overflow!**

John 15:11 NLT

John 15 CSB

¹¹ “I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

Greek: chara χαρά = delight; an overflowing joy of the soul

The distinguishing characteristic of the Judeo-Christian religion is joy...which contrasts with the pessimism and despair of first-century paganism. This explains why a large proportion of the occurrences of *chara* in the papyri are of Christian origin, why pagan occurrences of the word are so rare, and especially why pagan joy is never that of the soul. – Ceslas Spicq (translated by James Earnest), *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*

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Augustine
6th c.

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**⁹ Therefore my heart is glad
and my whole being rejoices;
my body also rests securely.**

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to Sheol;
you will not allow your faithful one to see decay.**

**¹¹ You reveal the path of life to me;
in your presence is abundant joy;
at your right hand are eternal pleasures.**

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Theme (what we will study)

Joy comes from abiding in Jesus, loving other believers, and bearing fruit. The believer in Jesus is called to experientially enjoy the placement of his soul in Christ. This dwelling in Jesus sparks agape love and leads inevitably to a joy that continues beyond temporal circumstances.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqHwamSmSco>

first :49 end with “and all of that.”

Objective (what we hope to see God achieve in us through our study)

That we find joy every day, all days, by abiding in Jesus, loving other believers, and bearing fruit.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray constantly, ¹⁸ give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5 CSB

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- **Rejoice always. Don't let anyone steal your joy.**
- **Pray all day. Specifically, remember you are in Christ every moment and talk with Him in light of that.**
- **Give thanks to God. Look for things about which you can give thanks and do so.**

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