



“There’s No Place Like Home”
1 John 2:24-29
Perfect Love: The Book of 1 John

1 John 2:24-29 – “Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

Introduction:

Abide: Greek “menō,” meaning to remain or stay.

In Jesus we find a true home.

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“This is an Ikea and Target generation. They live minimally...don't have the emotional connection to things that earlier generations did....It's a different world.” -Mary Kay Buysse

1.) A home where you belong.

1 John 2:25 – “And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.”

2.) A home that’s safe.

1 John 2:26 – “I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”

3.) A home that’s stable.

“We’re designed for community and fellowship, so even when it’s destructive we want others to join us.” -Pastor Wil Staley

1 John 2:27 – “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”

4.) A home where you have what you really need.

“You must interpret the word by all that you have missed in life.” -George MacDonald

John 15:5 - “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Sabbath: Hebrew “Shabbat,” meaning to stop.

Psalm 27:14 - “Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.”

1 John 2:28 – “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

Confidence: Greek “parrēsia,” meaning courage, boldness, or confidence; openness of speech.

5.) A home that’s secure.

1 John 2:29 – “If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

1 John 5:13 – “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

6.) A home where you have peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
2. How would you define “abide” in your own words?
3. What does the word “home” mean to you?
 - a. When you think of “home” is it a positive or negative word?
 - b. How do you feel knowing your true home is in Jesus?
4. What is the most difficult part for you when it comes to “abiding” or remaining in Jesus?
5. What steps can you take to better abide in Jesus?