

LIFE IN THE VINE

John 15:1-17

Living with the burden of rules, laws and expectations.

- The Old Testament Law (Mat 22:37-40)
- We need something new (Ezekiel 11:19; Ezekiel 36:26; Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10)
- The even greater perfection Jesus wants. Mat 5:21ff
- The weaknesses and purpose of the Law. Gal 3, Ro 3:30, 4:15, 5:20, 7:7-8.

New life made accessible in Jesus (Rom 8:3-4, Eph 2:4-6)

Abiding in the new life. Jn 15:1-14

3 conditions:

- Position
- Grip
- Flow

Characteristics of abiding:

- Not sitting on a pinnacle, but a wide plateau
- Union
- A working relationship (answered prayer and obedience)
- God's promises
- Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22, Eph 5:18, 2Cor 3:17)
- Exchanged life (Gal 2:20, Eph 2:6)

Taking the time to grow. Exo 23:29

No occasion not to abide

Dangers when insisting on the outcomes of abiding

Living with being granted all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-8)

Christian or disciple?

SWAP (Steve Smith 'Spirit Walk')

- Surrender to His will and His every word
- Wait on God in prayer
- Avoid sin, and let God root out all unrighteousness
- Pursue the promptings of the Spirit

APPLY

What is God wanting you to do with this?

Whom can you share this with?