

Abide

Abide in the Vine

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 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. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” **John 15:1-8**

Question: Who desires to live a life that bears fruit to the glory of God?

Series Main Idea: The Key to a Truly Fruitful Life is Abiding in Jesus Everyday

New Series Graphic:

“In one sense, abiding sounds like the easiest command for a Jesus-follower to undertake. It means resting in the One who is stronger than we are, wiser than we are, and more powerful than we are – and who loves us and defends us. But for most of us, the not-doing is infinitely more difficult than the doing...it doesn't mean that you are immobilized... We reside in Jesus. When He moves, we move. When He stays, we stay.” **Beth Moore**

Main Idea: Abiding in the Vine is All About Intimacy and Dependence on Jesus

I. Jesus is the True Vine

“I am the bread of life...” **John 6:35**

“I am the light of the world...” **John 8:12**

“I am the door of the sheep...” **John 10:7**

“I am the good shepherd...” **John 10:11**

“I am the resurrection and the life...” **John 11:25**

“I am the true vine...” **John 15:1**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser...I am the vine; you are the branches.” **John 15:1, 5a**

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II. Jesus Provides Everything to His Disciples

“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. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.” **John 15:5-6**

“And because of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” **1 Corinthians 1:30**

Glorious Benefits of Union with and Abiding in Christ:

- **Wisdom:**
- **Righteousness:**
- **Sanctification:**
- **Redemption:**

“It is in Jesus, the Crucified One, I must abide. I must learn to look upon the Cross as not only atonement to God but also a victory over the devil; it is not only deliverance from the guilt but also from the power of sin.” **Andrew Murray**

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” **John 8:36**

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“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” **James 4:8a**

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Sources & Further Reading Opportunities

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