



The Abiding Life
John 1:1-14, 32-41

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People today talk about "living the dream." But what is the dream? Many seek to climb the ladder of success only to find that the ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. Their dreams for earthly pleasures and treasures turn into nightmares of empty pursuits (Ecc. 1:14).

The true key to abundant life is to stop chasing happiness and start pursuing holiness. This pursuit calls for us to abide in Christ. It's only by abiding in Him that we discover the joy of a life that is fruitful and meaningful to God. Three key words are:

- "light" (GK: *phos*) - truth, guidance, purity, holiness, (23 times)
- "life" (GK: *zoe*) - spiritual life, life as God intended (36 times)
- "abide" (GK: *meno*) - stay, continue, dwell, remain (40 times)

In our text, Jesus was revealed as the Word of God who became flesh to give life and light to those who abide in Him.

Main Thought...

➔ The abundant life is the abiding life, which discovers the _____ of a life that is fruitful and meaningful to God.

1. **We are spiritually dead _____ from Jesus (v. 1-5).**

Rm. 5:12; 6:23; Eph 2:1-5

2. **We dwell in darkness _____ from Jesus (v. 6-13).**

Jn. 3:19; 8:12; 1 Jn. 1:5-7

3. **We receive new life by _____ in Jesus (v. 14, 32-41).**

Jn. 10:10-11; 15:1a, 4-5; Rm. 6:3-4

Final Thoughts...

➔ Do you ever feel that you are _____ dust in the wind?

➔ Do you know that true _____ in life is found in Jesus?