

## In the Vine- Session 3

### Bible Study

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:3-8

After a person believes in Christ and is forgiven, he or she receives eternal life and the power to remain in Christ. The believer must then accept that responsibility in salvation and remain in Christ. Remain means to continue, to abide, to live in Christ.

We must continue to live dwell and abide in Him.

**Abide** = To be, or exist, to continue, to dwell, rest, stand firm, or be stationary for anytime indefinitely.

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To remain, abide

To sojourn

Not to depart

To continue to be present

To be held, kept continually

Continue in

**Acts 17:28** “For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring.”

Just as the branch has life only as long as the life of the vine flows into it. The same is with the believer as long as Christ’s life flows into us through our remaining in Christ.

A few ways to remain in Christ:

1. Keeping God’s Word continually in our hearts and minds, along with making Him the guide for our actions and thoughts.
  - **Isaiah 26:3** “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”
    - You want peace? His peace? Then keep your minds **stayed** on HIM.
  - **Proverbs 3:5-8** “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”
    - One of humanities biggest problems is that we think we are wise or we know better. But we do not! **Jeremiah 10:23** tells us “that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” so why are we continually trying to do it. We are incapable of directing our own steps.
  - **1 John 2:6** “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”
  - **Romans 8:14** “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”
    - God’s Word tells us that we will know a tree by the fruit that it bears. His Word also tells us to check ourselves and make sure we are in the Spirit. This Spirit that Paul

speaks of is the Spirit of God and not just any ole spirit. There are many spirits in this world but there is only one Spirit of God.

2. Maintain constant intimate communion with Christ, in order to draw strength from Him.
  - **Romans 12:2** “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
    - If we are in constant communion with Jesus the Christ, we will not be conformed to this world and He will renew our minds, which will cause us to produce much good fruit.
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:17** “Pray without ceasing.”
  - **Colossians 1:23** “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;”
    - If we are in intimate communion with Christ we will be grounded and settled in our faith and unmovable.
    - **James 1:6-8** “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”
    - **1 Corinthians 15:58** “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”
  - **Philippians 1:11** “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”
  - **Psalm 91** “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High **shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; **in him will I trust.** Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings **shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.** Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; *nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. **Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.** Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, **thy habitation;** there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. **Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.** Because **he hath set his love upon me,** therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.
3. Obeying His commands, remaining in His love and loving each other.
  - **1 John 4:7-8** “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”
  - **1 John 4:18** “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; **but in deed and in truth.**”
  - **John 15:13** “Greater love hath no man than this, that **a man lay down his life for his friends.**”
    - Jesus Christ gave us the example of how we are to love by giving His life for us.

- There is a saying, “actions speak louder than words”. What are our actions saying about us?
4. Keeping our lives clean through the Word, resisting all sin and yielding to the Holy Spirit’s direction.
- **Galatians 5:16** “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” **17-25**
    - How do we not fulfill the lust of the flesh?
  - **Romans 12:2** “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
    - If we are in the Word and being continually washed by the Word we will have renewed minds and will be able to resist the devil and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.
  - **Ephesians 5:26-27** “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”
    - How do we stay clean and sanctified? By being washed with His Word. We must be washed daily.
  - **1 Peter 1:22** “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see *that* ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”
    - **Unfeigned** love?
      - not counterfeit; not hypocritical; real; sincere
      - Real love, not false love, not pretend.
5. Without Him, we can do nothing.
- **Philippians 4:13** “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
  - **Jeremiah 10:23** ““O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
6. If we are abiding in Him, God will do a mighty work through us.
- **John 14:12-14** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”

**2 Chronicles 7:13-15** “If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.”

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### Bible Study

1. How are we to live, and more and have our being? (Acts 17:28)
2. Can a branch have life apart from the vine? (John 15:3-8)
3. The life of what must flow through us to have life? (John 15:3-8)

4. What should we keep continually in our hearts and minds? (Isaiah 26:3)
5. Who or what should guide our actions and thoughts? (Proverbs 3:5-6 & Jeremiah 10:23)
6. How should we trust the Lord? (Proverbs 3:5-6)
7. If we are abiding in Him, what should our walk / life look like? (1 John 2:6)
8. How do you know you are a son of God and not just someone who had a spiritual experience? (Romans 8:14)
9. How should we maintain communications with Christ? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
10. What should we be grounded, settled and unmovable in? (Colossians 1:23)
11. If we are wavering in our faith what does James say that we are? (James 1:6-8)
12. We are filled with what to the glory and praise of God? (Philippians 1:11)
13. What should we abide under? (Psalm 91)
14. What are we to trust in? (Psalm 91)
15. What will be your shield and strength or tower/fortress? (Psalm 91)
16. Where is our habitation? (Psalm 91)
17. Love is from where? (1 John 4:7-8)
18. How do others know you are born of God? (1 John 4:7-8)
19. How are we to love? (1 John 4:18)
20. How is the greatest love demonstrated? (John 15:13)
21. How can we keep from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh? (Galatians 5:16)
22. How are we supposed to be transformed? (Romans 12:2)
23. How are we to be sanctified and cleansed? (Ephesians 5:26-27)
24. How often should we be washed?
25. How is our soul purified? (1 Peter 1:22)
26. What is unfeigned love? (1 Peter 1:22)

27. Can we direct our own life? (Jeremiah 10:23)

28. What can you do if you believe, without wavering? (John 14:12-14)