

The Source of Our Joy

III: The _____ of Abiding: v5-11

A. Jesus _____ of abiding

In these verses, Jesus interprets and explains what it is to abide

- it is to bear much _____
 - it is to remain _____ and _____
for the Lord
 - it is to bring _____ to the Father
 - it is to continue in Jesus' love by keeping His
_____ (Luke 10:37)
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B. Biblical _____ of abiding

- Mary sitting at Jesus' feet—Luke 10:42
- David recognizing where wisdom comes from- 119:130
- Elijah hearing God's still small voice—1 Kings 19:12

Abiding in Christ implies the we are one with Christ - John 15:4

Abiding in Christ means that we are in constant communion with Christ at all times - 2 Corinthians 13:14

Abiding in Christ involves our total dependence upon Him - John 15:5

Abiding in Christ involves total obedience to Him - John 15:9-10, 14-15

Abiding with Christ is a continual fellowship - John 8:31

Jesus is saying this morning ... *stay in Me* ... **that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full**

If we are to experience revival we must abide in Christ!



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John 15:1-11

And there is a great connection between abiding in Christ, joy from Christ, revival, and rejoicing. Joy is attributable to abiding in Christ; rejoicing is an outward expression of joy; and revival is needed for us to fully rejoice in Christ (Psalm 85:6).

But what is it to abide in Christ? To abide means means ... *to stay in a given place, state, relation or expectancy)/ to continue / to dwell / to endure / to stay put* ...

This morning let's examine the source of our joy ... abiding in Christ

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I: The _____ of Abiding: v1-3

After the Last Supper, as the disciples walked slowly with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus illuminated and taught them an eternal truth that would help them, not only with what they were about to experience (his death) but also with their Christian walk in general.

Jesus illuminated to them:

A. a _____ truth

While the word “abide” is found in both the Old and New Testament, it is, with the exception of our passage and 1 John 2, always used in context with a place or situation. This is the first mention of abiding IN Christ.

Jesus Illuminated ...

B. a _____ truth

Jesus often used a natural setting from God’s creation to illuminate a new spiritual truth.

Jesus illuminated...

C. a _____ truth

The necessary doctrine, both for the disciples and for us, is that unless we are abiding in Jesus our Christian life won’t bear fruit for the Father. The doctrine is that we cannot bear the right fruit apart from abiding in Christ and so the Father continually prunes and purges in order that we bear fruit. And if don’t abide in Jesus, we no longer become useful to the Father.

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II: The _____ to Abide: v4

In verse 4 Jesus invites to abide in Him.

A. He invites us to _____

John 7:37 / Matt. 11:28 / Romans 5:10

How wonderful it is that Jesus offers to ALL men salvation and that God draws men to Jesus for that salvation!

B. He invites us to _____

1 Peter 4:6

It is critical to understand the role of sanctification in abiding and revival. If we are not continually living apart for Jesus then we are not completely abiding in Him.

God gives every person free will and sometimes we chose NOT to abide in Christ. Yet, the invitation always stands— if you want a life of joy and rejoicing, stay in Him!

And here’s the thing—God knows the challenge in this! He knows that we are incapable to continually live completely and holy in Him because even though we are saved we still have a sin nature and fall sometimes.

Romans 8:37—**37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us**

Do we see why it’s so important to abide in Christ? Do we see why Jesus invites us to abide? It isn’t to control you or limit your happiness in some way but rather it because He loves us and He invites us to abide in Him that we would bear fruit for the Father and that our joy might be full.
