

Abiding in Christ as a Family
John 15:1-17

I. True Success is To Know Christ, Treasure Him and Make Him Known

II. Important questions:

1. What are my/our God given roles?

I exist to know Christ, treasure him and make Him known as a godly husband, father, pastor and friend. (Identity and Influence)

2. What is my/our S.H.A.P.E. ?

My spiritual gifts are leadership, teaching, and serving and are to be used for His glory and for ministry.

3. Is there any Scripture God has given me/us?

John 15:7-8

4. How am I/we doing in living out our calling?

III. Abiding In Christ Individually and as a Family

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1. Abiding is the conscious and constant state of resting in the power and presence of the Lord Jesus. (A. W. Pink)

A.W. Pink "To abide in Christ has always referenced to the maintenance of fellowship with God in Christ. The word 'abide' calls us to vigilance, lest at any time the experimental realization of our union with Christ should be interrupted.

To abide in Him, then, is to have sustained conscious communion with Him. To abide in Christ signifies the constant occupation of the heart with Him—

A daily active faith in Him which...maintains the dependency of the branch upon the vine, and the circulation of life (and nutrients) of the vine in the branch."

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John 8:31-32 Page #1070

John 14:12-18 Page #1078

2. Receiving from Him and then obeying Him are crucial in abiding.

George Müller *“The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day is to have my soul happy in the Lord.”*

3. What prevents abiding in Christ as a family?

A. Defeated life

B. Distractions

C. Comfortable

D. Unawareness

IV. Results of Abiding in Him as a Family

1. Powerful prayer life.

2. “His name” will be highly honored.

3. “His joy” will be abundant.

4. “His love” will satisfy.

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse - *He will have compassion on the poor and needy...*
Psalm 72:13 (NASB)

Times with the Lord this week - If you have extra time, look up the cross references with the Transformation Scripture.

#1- Reviewing this Past Sunday

1. Read John 15:1-17 or pick out a verse or two if you have small children.
Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. What does it mean to abide in Christ as a family?
3. What struggles do you face in this area?
4. What is God saying to you, and what will be your response?

2- Preparing for Next Sunday

Proclaiming the Resurrected Christ as a Family John 4:1-42

Read John 4:1-42 or part of it if you have children.

What do you appreciate about God?

Discuss how you are doing engaging unbelievers with the Gospel of Christ and how you might grow in this area as a family.