

THE HOLY SPIRIT



PART 10 - ABIDING IN THE SPIRIT

In part 9 we talked about a faith that sees, a faith that knows and possesses life in the Spirit.

Because we are now hearing, seeing and understanding the Word of God through the spirit, we are fully capable of living an abiding life in and of the Spirit.

Who are we to abide in?

Why are we to abide?

What does it mean to abide?

How does one abide?

Where does one abide from?

We will unpack each of these questions as we go, while there will be massive crossovers, because the manifold wisdom of God is always interwoven into the spiritual dimension of the mystery of oneness.

Let's start with "What does it mean to abide?"

The word abide means to "remain as one, not to become another or different"

We see the Scriptures use other words like to 'dwell' in the spirit, or to 'remain' in the spirit. This is to be a constant state of being, and one that is perfected within us on a daily basis. It is not something we are to drift in and out of, but something we are to be constantly flowing in.

The abiding life in the spirit in us, is to be and become our new innate way of living. This new way of life is the reality of having rivers of living water flowing in and from our inner most being. This was the very promise of Jesus Himself from John 7:37-38, to all those who are thirsty.

John 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

We can see from verse 39 that this reality which Jesus testified to, was to be for all those who would believe in Jesus after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are 2000 years in to the future since Jesus said this, so is this our living reality yet?

This is what the abiding life of the spirit is. It's a life that flows with rivers of living water.

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John 15 is the go to chapter for this abiding life. The word abide is mentioned 10 times in chapter 15, so it becomes clear there is a living reality to enter into for us.

Let's unpack verse 4

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither you unless you abide in Me.”

To abide means to stay spiritually connected, to remain as one and not become another or different.

What you abide yourself in is where you are drawing your life from. If we abide ourselves in Christ then we will receive the fruit of this abiding life, just as the Scriptures testify. This fruit is eternal. We can not bear eternal fruit if we are not abiding in the eternal One.

We can be abiding in any number of things, from ourselves, to someone else or to a possession or passion. Abiding in these things produces fruit which is opposite to the Spirit. This fruit is earthly or natural, and it leaves us void of the spiritual life.

We need to know from experience what it is to abide in Christ, so we can live our lives from this innate position in Him.

QUESTIONS

1. What are our initial thoughts on the meaning of the word abide?
2. What have you learnt about yourself through this resource on abiding?
3. How much of your life is being defined by this kind of abiding?
4. What are our thoughts around this truth - “What you abide yourself in is where you are drawing your life from”
5. Why is it essential we are of this abiding life?

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