

# THE HOLY SPIRIT



## PART 11 - WHO ARE WE TO ABIDE IN?

In "Abiding In The Spirit Pt 1" we looked at the what. What does it mean to abide in Christ?

In part 2 we will look at the "who". Who are we to abide in, knowing that there are many things we can find ourselves abiding in, knowing that only one produces an eternal life or reality.

The "who" is our Lord and Saviour - Jesus Christ. The One who is Eternal Life.

***1 John 5:11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.***

***1 John 1:2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us.***

***1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.***

The "who" is a Person, the Eternal Person, the Christ. We are not to be found abiding in another, not a principle, a law, a rule, a method, a form, a program, a possession, nor a commodity, but a living God, the personhood of Christ and Christ alone.

***John 15:4-5 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. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.***

IF we abide in Him, and the key word is IF, then and only then, do we receive the outcome of this abiding life - much fruit.

The reason we don't experience the abundant life in us of the Spirit, is because we are not abiding in Him, the Vine. It's not rocket science and it's not complicated. In fact it's incredibly simple, while being profoundly deep and powerful.

***John 15: 7-8 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and prove to be My disciples.***

The key to abiding in Him, the Person, is the true knowledge of Christ one has and is coming into. It is through this true knowing that we are able to keep His eternal commandments of love and prove we are abiding in Him.

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***1 John 2:3-6 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.***

***1 John 3:24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.***

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Why is abiding in anything but Him so futile to our spiritual lives?
2. What can we expect to receive if we truly are abiding in Him?
3. What stops us from abiding in Him?
4. Who can testify to the more than life in Christ, much fruit in Him, proving to be His disciple?

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