



ABIDE IN CHRIST

1. Definition

- to wait for
- to endure without yielding
- to bear patiently
- to accept without objection
- to remain stable or fixed in a state
- to continue in a place

2. How to abide in Christ

- To abide has to do with the concept of 'being' instead of 'doing'.
- Doing in relation to the Christian walk is: reading your Bible, going to church, praying, witnessing, doing good works, fleeing sin, etc.
- These are all good things to do as a Christian.
- However, if we are doing these things just because we are suppose to, or we are doing them in our own strength, we will not have victory or peace and miss out in having an intimate relationship with Christ.
- The relationship is more important than the things we do or don't do.
 - a. To wait for - We as Christians need to spend much more time waiting on God. By this we mean spending time with God, seeking His will, not jumping ahead of Him.
 - b. To endure without yielding - To be determined to experience God's presence.
 - c. To bear patiently - To abide in Christ when we don't feel like it. To be patient waiting for God to reveal His will and Himself.
 - d. To continue in a place - We need to spend more time, staying in His presence.

3. Results of abiding in Christ

- You will produce spiritual fruit -- Jhn 15:5
- You have answered prayer – Jhn 15:7
- We can abide in the love of Christ – Jhn 15:9
- Our joy can be full – Jhn 15:11
- You have divine commitment – Jhn 15:13
- You become the friend of God – Jhn 15:14
- You know the secrets of God – Jhn 15:15
- You are ordained and chosen by God – Jhn 15:16
- You will find it easy to love others as well – Jhn 15:17

4. Abiding check list

1. **A person walks in open confession before God.** He walks through life opening up his life to God; he confesses all known sin. He does not walk in sin, and he does not allow any sin to go unconfessed (1 Jn 1:6-10).
2. **A person walks and fellowships with Christ.** He lives and moves and has his being with Christ. He communes and lives in a consciousness of God's presence, and from God's presence he learns of God, and he draws the strength and authority to live victoriously day by day
- 1 Jhn 2:6; 1 Jhn 2:27; Ps 16:11; Prov 3:5-6
3. **A person continues in the church; he has not gone out from the church** - 1 Jhn 2:19
4. **A person possesses confidence, an unashamedness in life that prepares him for eternity** - 1 Jhn 2:28
5. **A person does not walk in continuous sin. He experiences constant victory over sin.** - 1 Jhn 3:6
6. **A person actively surrenders himself to obey God's commandments** - 1 Jhn 3:24
7. **A person experiences the indwelling presence and witness of the Spirit** - 1 Jhn 4:12-13
8. **A person dwells in love and unity and fellowship with all other believers** - Jhn 17:21-23; 1 Jhn 4:16; 1 Jhn 4:20

5. Summary

Abiding in Christ will bear much fruit