

John 15:1-5 (ESV)

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

I.ABIDE IN HIM

Abide: to stay, abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry

A.THE ABIDING LIFE IN CHRIST

1. THE ABIDING LIFE BEGINS WITH OUR NEW BIRTH

John 3:3, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Hebrews 13:5b, Hebrews 10:14, 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. THE ABIDING LIFE CONTINUES BY LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

1 John 1:3-9

a. Sin Breaks our fellowship with God. 1 John 1:3

b. Fellowship: “koinōnia” “participation, communication, and communion”.

c. God Is Total Light 1 John 1:5

d. Don't Hide Your Sin 1 John 1:6, James 3:2

e. Repent And Confess

1 John 1:9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1) Repent Means Forsake Proverbs 28:13

(2) Confess Means Acknowledge, Agree

(3) Confess The Known: Be Cleansed From All Unrighteousness

f. Judicial Forgiveness, Heb.10:14 – Parental Forgiveness, Matt.5:28

Illustration: Relationship Never Changes But Fellowship Changes Many Times

3. THE ABIDING LIFE IS BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

a. The Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:18 “be continually being filled”.

b. Baptized By The Spirit **1 Corinthians 12:13**

c. The Name: Father, Son, Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

(1.) God The Father And Jesus The Son **Romans 8:34**

(2.)The Holy Spirit **John 16:13**

d. The Holy Spirit Is The Spirit of Christ, The Spirit of God, The Holy Spirit
Romans 8:9, **Galatians 4:6**, John 15:4 “and I in you”

4. THE ABIDING LIFE IS WALKING BY THE SPIRIT GALATIANS 5:16-18

a. Not A Spiritual Trance

b. Works Of The Flesh

Galatians 5:19-21 (RSV) Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

5. THE ABIDING LIFE IS OBEYING CHRIST John 15:10 1 Corinthians 10:13

6. THE ABIDING LIFE IS THE YIELDED LIFE **Romans 6:11-14**

7. THE ABIDING LIFE WALKS LIKE JESUS WALKED 1 John 2:6, Acts 10:38, Romans 8:29, Hebrews 12:6, John 15:2

II. ABIDING IN CHRIST RESULTS IN BEARING MUCH FRUIT

A. FRUIT OF CHARACTER

1. Fruit of Love John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
2. Fruit of The Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

B. FRUIT OF PEOPLE MARK 16:15

1. Evangelizing People Romans 10:13-15
 - a. Sowing The Gospel Seed John 4:36-38
 - b. Reaping Fruit - Leading Others To Christ
2. Making Disciples Matthew 28:18-20

III. ABIDING IN CHRIST NOW

A. PRAY SILENTLY

1. Are All Sins Confessed?

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

Lord, please bring to mind anything right now that separates me from your fellowship.
You said...

If I confess my sins, You are faithful and just to forgive me my sins, and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

2. Am I holding on to any unforgiving spirit? Mt.6:14-15

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

3. Lord, is there anyone whom I have wronged and not made it right? Is there anyone that I need to go to and ask their forgiveness? Matthew 5:23-24

4. Lord, I am seeking Your Will In All Things. I JOHN 5:14,15

5. Lord, I want to glorify You above all things. JOHN 14:13 14

6. Lord, today, I want to depend on the Holy Spirit's Guidance. ROMANS 8:26, 27

7. Lord I want to trust You In Spite of What Seems To Be. PR.3:5,6 ROMANS 8:28

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Lord, You have commanded me to be filled with Your Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

1. Lord I have confessed all known sin. 1 John 1:9

2. Lord I present my body to you as a living sacrifice, body, mind, soul, and spirit. I want to be practically holy and acceptable to you which is my spiritual worship and service. Romans 12:1,2

3. Lord, I want to yield myself completely to You and obey your will. I give you complete control of my life. Romans 6:11-13

4. Lord fill me with Your Spirit right now. Luke 11:13

5. By faith, I thank You for Your filling. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

6. Lord, lead me to abide and remain in You today and let your life flow through me. John 15:5

Father, I love You

Lord Jesus, I love You

Dear Holy Spirit, I love you

AMEN.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

Abide in Him and bear much fruit.