

How did Jesus clearly command us to abide in Him?

John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."

John 15:9, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."

John 14:23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

John 8:31, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

What's more?

Philippians 2:9-11, "God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Therefore:

1 John 2:28, "Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

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# **WHY MUST WE ABIDE IN CHRIST?**

***“For we are His workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand that we should  
walk in them.”***

***Ephesians 2:10***

What is the core principle behind abiding in Christ?

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:17, “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

Why then must we, as believers, abide in Christ?

Colossians 3:3, “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

1 Peter 4:17, “For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

1 John 5:3, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

As such:

2 John 9, “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”

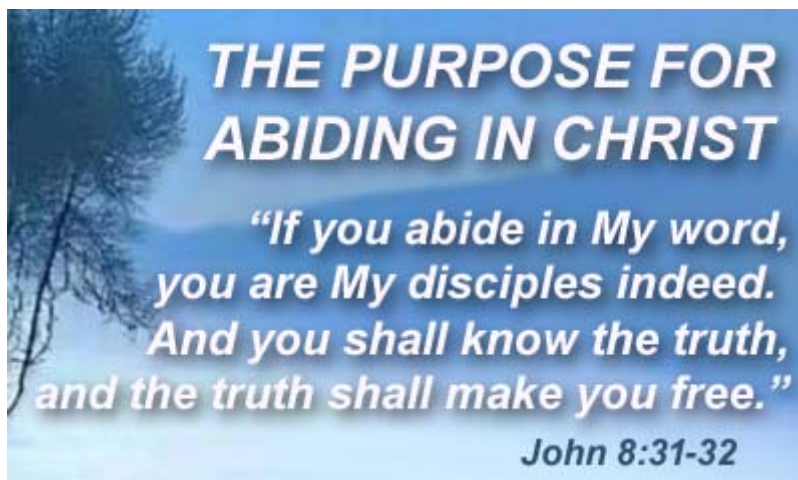
1 John 2:17, “The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Therefore, and as Jesus clearly said:

John 15:6, “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered.”

Do I understand the importance of abiding in Christ, so He abides in me?

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What is the purpose to abide in Christ as Lord?

Ephesians 3:17-19, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

As such Jesus clearly said:

John 15:5, “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

And to the Father He added:

John 17:22-23, “The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

What’s more?

John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.”

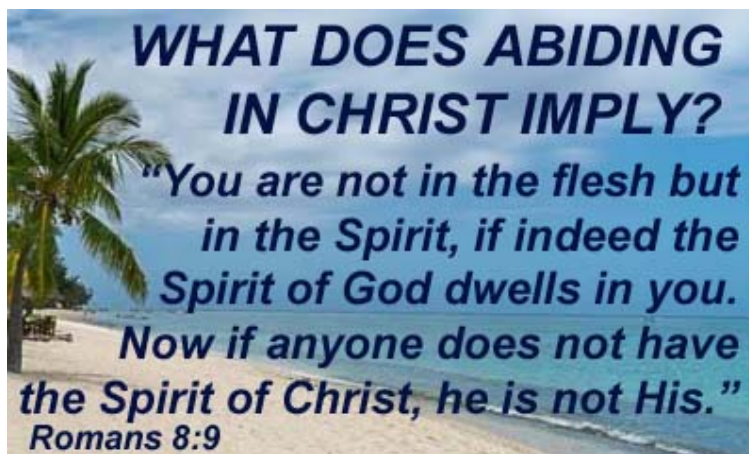
John 15:10, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love.”

Therefore:

John 15:4, “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

Do I faithfully follow Christ as Lord, keep His commandments, and abide in His love?

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What does abiding in Christ encompass?

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

As such:

1 John 2:5-6, “Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

1 John 3:6, “Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.”

The reason why Jesus said:

John 15:1-2, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

John 6:37, “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

Therefore:

1 Timothy 6:3, 5, “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,” “From such withdraw yourself.”

Do I understand how important it is to follow Christ and abide in Him, so as to avoid being deceived by the world?

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**“As you therefore have received  
Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in  
Him, rooted and built up in Him  
and established in the faith, as  
you have been taught, abounding  
in it with thanksgiving.”**

*Colossians 2:6-7*

## **HOW DO I ABIDE IN CHRIST?**

How must I live to truly abide in Christ?

Colossians 3:1-3, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

As such:

1 John 4:15-16, “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

In Jesus’ own words:

John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 14:23, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

Therefore:

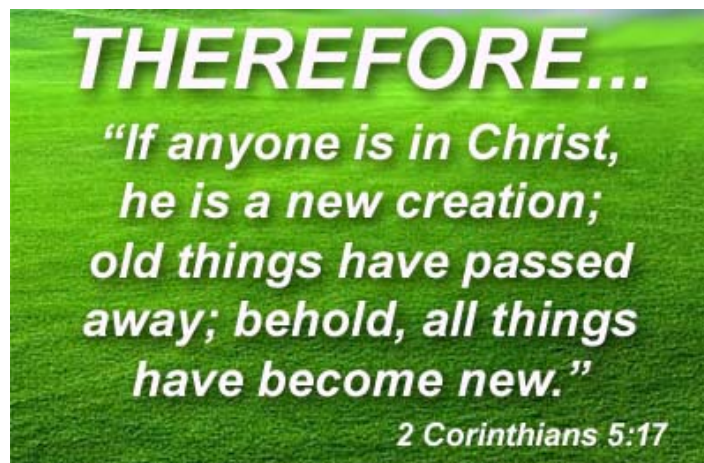
1 Corinthians 9:24-25, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things.”

Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

How committed am I to live rooted and built-up in Christ?

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What can we therefore expect if we truly abide in Christ?

In Jesus' own words:

John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Revelation 3:20, "If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

On the other hand:

John 15:6, "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned."

As such:

1 John 3:24, "He who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

What's more?

Romans 8:10, "If Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness."

Romans 8:1, "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Therefore:

1 John 2:5, "Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."

Psalms 91:2, "I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."

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