

ABIDING IN CHRIST

John 15:5-6

INTRO:

- A. Jesus used this illustration of the vine and the branches to stress the importance of our continued connection to Him.
- B. Without Him and that connection we are lost!

I. WITHOUT HIM

- A. There is no hope. Ephesians 2:11-12
- B. He is the one Savior. Acts 4:11-12
- C. He is the one mediator. I Timothy 2:5-6
- D. He is the one way. John 14:6
- E. He saves the obedient. Hebrews 5:8-9
- F. We are baptized INTO Him. Galatians 3:26-27

II. ABIDING IN CHRIST

- A. Connected to the vine. John 15:1-3
- B. Continued to be connected. John 15:4-5
- C. Abide in His word. John 8:31-32
 - 1. Abide in His doctrine. 2 John 9
- D. Or be cast out. John 15:6

III. BE FAITHFUL TO HIM

- A. Married to Christ. Romans 7:4
- B. Watch for danger. 2 Corinthians 11:2-3
- C. Some will depart. I Timothy 4:1
- D. Some will not endure. 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- E. Be faithful until death. Revelation 2:10
- F. Hold on for your reward. Hebrews 10:35-39

CONCLUSION:

- A. Being saved in Christ is more than just mental acceptance.
- B. It requires being “in” Him through an obedient faith, and abiding in Him.
- C. If we fail to hold to His word, or to assemble & worship, or fail to faithfully live as disciples are we really abiding?
- D. Won’t you turn to Him today and abide to receive that heavenly home?