



Abiding in Christ

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TODAY'S READING: John 15

In John 15 we are given a command that comes with a very serious warning. We are commanded to abide in Christ, and we are told those who do not abide in Christ will be thrown away into the fire. Abiding in Christ is continuing to daily trust in Him and become like Him through prayer and His Word. Remember, brothers and sisters, abiding in Christ is not how we are saved, it is proof of our salvation. I do not spend time in God's Word so He will love me and save me, but *because* God loves me and has saved me, I have a desire to spend time with Him. Those who do not have a desire to spend time with God are not abiding in Christ. In verse 8 we are reminded that God is glorified when we bear fruit! When we bear fruit, we are proving to be His disciples. Bearing fruit is not how we become disciples.

Christians share the gospel because people we encounter everyday who are not abiding in Christ will be thrown into hell one day if they do not repent and trust in Christ. These people who are not abiding in Christ are not giving God glory and are not experiencing the joy we are promised in verse 11. In verse 12, we are commanded to love others and we are reminded of what true love looks like. Although the world will hate you, it is loving to point others to the ultimate Source of joy in life.

Christian, God chose you and saved you so you could go and bear fruit this week. God created you so He would receive glory! Point those around you to the One who laid down His life so we could be saved.

PRAYER: God, You are the only One worthy of glory and praise. Thank You for choosing me to bear fruit and giving me Your Spirit so I have a desire to grow in my relationship with You. Help me daily find joy in You. Make me aware of opportunities to share Christ with those around me.

TOMORROW'S READING: John 16

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