



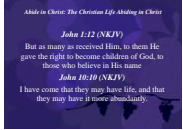
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Abide in Christ: The Christian Life Abiding in Christ

John 1:12 (NKJV) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

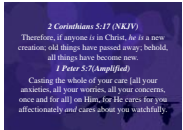
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John 10:10 (NKJV) I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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1 Peter 5:7 (Amplified) Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

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What is the Christian Life?

It is not what everyone in the world is living.

Morality is not Christianity.

Doing good deeds is not Christianity.

Being kind to others is not Christianity.

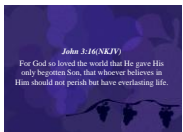
The World cannot possess the one thing that makes a person a Christian.

Christianity is the presence, the possession, of Christ in your life.

Being a Christian is an act of receiving not giving....

God is the giver...

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John 3:16 (NKJV) 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.

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What was it that God saw in us that caused Him to reach out to us?

God saw us as we really are.

What did He see in us?



God had to see something that would cause Him to want to reach out to us.

- He saw our poverty
- He had no use for the things we possessed.
- He saw our destitution.
- He saw our helplessness
- He saw our weakness
- He saw our nakedness
- He saw our failure
- He saw our want
- He saw our pain

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God wants to give you something.

He wants you to receive something.

He wants to give you what you cannot get anywhere else.

He wants to give redemption from the things that have and hold us.

There are many things that we have become identified with.

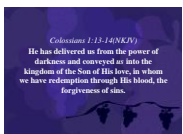
We are identified with sin, sickness, and death.

We are identified with failure, weakness, and helplessness.

We have become identified with our actions and speech.

He wants to give us redemption from the destroyer, the enemy of our souls.

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Colossians 1:13-14(NKJV) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

In return for all that God has given, what does He want from you?



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He wants you.

He came at His own expense.

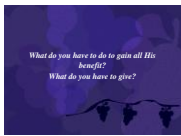
He came of His own accord.

He came to freely and totally deliverer us out of the authority of darkness, weakness, ignorance, and failure.

This Is Good News....

He has not only delivered us, He has also translated us into the Kingdom of The Son of His Love, in whom we have Our Redemption.

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What do you have to do to gain all His benefit?

What do you have to give?

The Story of Ruth is a beautiful example of the Sinner and Christ.

- *The Book of Ruth tells this story.*
- *Ruth was a poor, young widow.*
- *She was a foreigner and stranger.*
- *She was homeless, without income, and without food.*

She did not have to give up her poverty...she took his wealth.

She did not give up her loneliness... she received his fellowship.

She did not give up her weakness, anxiety, and fear...she received his plenty, protection, and care.

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This is how God works in our lives.

God comes to us and asks us to receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

When you receive Christ, He makes a difference in you...

He becomes your strength

He becomes your provider

He becomes your protection



In Him you are blessed with every spiritual blessing...
You are enriched with His riches.
You are made alive with His life.

We receive...

Every thing He is
Every thing He has
Every thing He does is for us...
We receive His Life
We receive His Healing
We receive His righteousness

Because we receive Him, we are brought into a new dominion.

It is the dominion of Righteousness
It is the dominion of Christ
It is the dominion of victory
It is the dominion of life

This is where He is Lord.

It is an act of His Grace...

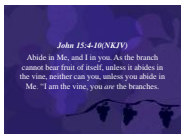
Jesus has become our light and salvation.
He is become our deliverance.
He is our sanctification.
He is our righteousness.

Look at the problem with abiding in Christ.

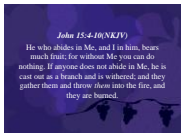
John 15:4-10(NKJV) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches.

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 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.

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John 15:4-10(NKJV)
 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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John 15:4-10(NKJV)
 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 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."

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If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 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.

What does it mean to abide?

μένω (menō): to stay, remain, abide, wait for, to remain in place or state, and expect something in future; to continue to exist, to remain in existence; to keep on, to continue in an activity or state

To abide is to remain in the same relation with Christ.

To abide is to remain in identification with Christ.

To abide is to stay in the same relationship.

This is the key to abundant Christian Living.

In **Romans 7:14-24** Paul stresses the weakness and defeat of the life that is self-centered.

He uses the words “Me, My, and I” 36 times.

In Romans 8:1-17 he refers to God, the Holy Spirit, the Son, and Christ 26 times.

In these verses, he tells of the victory of the believer’s life.

In Romans 7, he does not find a way to overcome the problems in his life.

In Romans 7 he not able to overcome his own downward tendencies and negative characteristics.

In Romans 7 he is wretched.



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The moment you became a Christian, God not only forgave your sins, but also gave you all you need to live a victorious Christian life.

In Romans 8 through Christ, he is more than victorious.

In Romans 8 the Holy Spirit is working in him.

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We must continually hold on to this provision by faith.

We must live in it.

We must express our faith and trust in it.

We must confess it.

We must enjoy it.

On our side of the relationship is weakness.

We are the sinners.

We have much pain.

We are sick.

We have much distress.

We are weak.

Look at what has Christ Brought into this relationship.

His is the strong side

He came to us that we might come to Him.

He became weak so that He may make many strong.

We do not come to Him on the basis of our worthiness, but on the basis of His.

It is not our work but His.

It is not our strength.

It is not our goodness.

It is not our holiness.

#18

*"I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ."
Romans 6:3 says we who have received Jesus have been "baptized into His death"*

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We have become a part of Him

What does this spiritual union with Jesus mean?

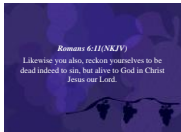
He paid the penalty.

He satisfied the demands.

He put away the claim of sin.

Everyone in Christ has become a partaker of His victory.

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Romans 6:11(NKJV) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word reckon or consider is the key.

We must consider ourselves to be in Christ Jesus.

Consider yourself to be alive in Jesus

Start identifying yourself with the life, authority, power, victory, blood, and person of Christ.

This is not a feeling... this is trust and faith.

Reckon yourself to be in Christ.

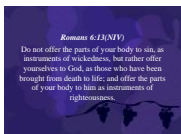
Consider yourself to be victorious over sin.

This is not mind manipulation...

This is casting your self on Him.

This is rolling your care on Him.

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Romans 6:13(NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

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Start yielding to Him.

A person in a river can fight its force or he can yield to the current and go where the river goes.



#22



Ocean Riptides are a phenomenon that occurs when fast moving currents pull everything out into the ocean.

In El Salvador a Pastor was accompanying students on a maranatha project. He was drowned February 24 while rescuing several people caught in a Pacific Ocean riptide. Several people were wading in the ocean and suddenly became caught in a riptide. Pastor Han entered the water along with several lifeguards in a rescue attempt, and succeeded in assisting everyone to the shore before he was overcome himself.

If you 're ever caught in an ocean riptide, don't fight it! These fast-moving currents will pull you away quickly. Go with it (it won't be far) or try swimming parallel to the beach until you're out of the current.

What is this yielding to the Lord?

Yielding is obedience from the heart.

Yielding is full surrender.

It means to give up, and serve Him.

It means to fully trust Him.

What does it mean to trust him?

It is confidence in His power, wisdom, goodness, riches, and greatness.

The opposite of trust is fret or worry.

READ: Psalms 37:1-7,34

Psalm 37:1-7(NIV) Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

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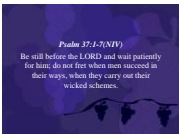


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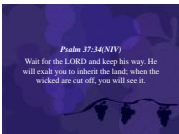
Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

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Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

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Psalm 37:34(NIV) Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

#27



Fret Not... But Trust

Delight yourself in the Lord.

What does it mean to delight yourself in the Lord?

Delighting yourself in the Lord comes before getting all you want.

Delighting is taking great pleasure in.

Enjoy yourself in the Lord.

Then the Psalms says Commit

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Psalm 37:5(NKJV) Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

Place Him in charge.

Allow Him to work His will in and through us.

It is at this point that you can Rest in the Lord.

#29



Learn the Heart of the lord.

Learn the mind of the Lord

Learn His word...it reveals His heart and mind.

It is at that point that you can leave every situation in His hands.

Everything you need is in Jesus.