

Jesus & the Duplex

What does it mean to Abide in Jesus?

“How does the branch bear fruit? Not by incessant effort for sunshine and air; not by vain struggles... it simply abides in the vine, in silent and undisturbed union, and blossoms and fruit appear as of spontaneous growth.”

Harriet Beecher Stowe in How to Live on Christ

Point #1

Abiding in Christ means _____ at all times, not just when it is _____

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

“We must discipline our own desires in order to Love Christ through obedience”

Luke 9:23

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Point #2

Abiding in Christ means we will _____, even when we don't completely _____ with it

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Point #3

Abiding in Christ means we will _____ with Him, not just when we are _____

Romans 14:7-8

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.