# What it Means to Abide, pt. 1

*John 15:4-11*

**Key Text**

**Jn 15:4-11**—Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jn+15%3A4-11&version=NASB#fen-NASB-26708b)]prove to be My disciples. 9Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. 11These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

**Background**

* Jesus is the vine
* The Father is the vinedresser (the Farmer working the field)
* Two types of branches—those who belong to Christ (true Disciples) bear fruit and are pruned and those who do not belong to Christ (false disciples or Judas branches) do not bear fruit and are cut off and burned, vv2, 5, 8

**Jn 2:23-24**—Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. 24But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men.

**Jn 6:66**—As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

**Jn 6:68**—Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

**Jn 8:30-31**—As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him. 31So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine.

**Jn 12:42**—Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue.

**Jn 13:10**—Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.”

**1 Jn 2:19**—They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

**Jn 15:24**—If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

Abide—is the Greek word meaning “*to stay, to remain.”* In other words, don’t leave; don’t go away; don’t defect; hold fast (**Jn 2, 3, 4, 6, 10**).

**Heb 4:14**—Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**Deut 31:14-15**—Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Heb+4%3A14%3B+deut+31%3A14-15%3B+I+Cor+10%3A5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-5743a)]the time for you to die is near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him.” So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting. 15The Lord appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent.

**I Cor 10:5**—Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

The Blessings that come from Abiding

1. Eternal Salvation, v 4

**Jn 14:23**—Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

**Jn 14:17**—*that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

**Jn 14:20**—In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

**Jn 17:23**—I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jn+14%3A23%3B+Jn+14%3A17%3B+Jn+14%3A23%3B+Jn+14%3A17%3B+john+14%3A20%3B+Jn+17%3A23%3B+Rom+8%3A10%3B+1+Cor+3%3A16%3B+1+Cor+6%3A19-20%3B+Gal+2%3A20%3B+Eph+2%3A22%3B+Col+1%3A27%3B+I+Jn+4%3A13%3B+1+Jn+4%3A16%3B+Col+1%3A21%3B+1+Peter+1%3A3-4%3B+I+Peter+1%3A6%3B+I+Peter+1%3A7%3B+1+Peter+1%3A9&version=NASB#fen-NASB-26783a)]in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

**Rom 8:10**—If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**1 Cor 3:16**—Do you not know that you are a [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jn+14%3A23%3B+Jn+14%3A17%3B+Jn+14%3A23%3B+Jn+14%3A17%3B+john+14%3A20%3B+Jn+17%3A23%3B+Rom+8%3A10%3B+1+Cor+3%3A16%3B+1+Cor+6%3A19-20%3B+Gal+2%3A20%3B+Eph+2%3A22%3B+Col+1%3A27%3B+I+Jn+4%3A13%3B+1+Jn+4%3A16%3B+Col+1%3A21%3B+1+Peter+1%3A3-4%3B+I+Peter+1%3A6%3B+I+Peter+1%3A7%3B+1+Peter+1%3A9&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28427a)]temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**1 Cor 6:19-20**—Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

**Gal 2:20**—I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up for me.

**Eph 2:22**—in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

**Col 1:27**—to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**1 Jn 4:4**—You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

**1 Jn 4:13**—By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us.

**1 Jn 4:16**—We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**Col 1:21-22**—And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, 22yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— 23if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

**1 Peter 1:3-4**—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

**I Peter 1:6**—In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.

**I Peter1:7**—so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 1:9**—obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

1. Fruitfulness, v 2, 4, 5, 8

**Rom 7:4**—Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

**Phil 1:11**—having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1. What is Fruit? Answer: Righteousness

**Hos 14:8**—O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols?  
It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; From Me comes your fruit.

**Luke 6:43-44**—For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. 44For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.

1. In so Bearing Fruit, You Prove to be a True Disciple, v 8
2. We Bear Fruit to Varying Degrees
   1. Obedience to the Word

**2 Cor 3:18**—But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

* 1. Disobedience to the Word