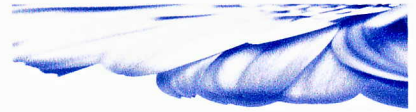


ABIDING

WHERE IS YOUR ABODE?



“IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU...”

In our last study of ASKING, we were comforted with the words of John 15:7. But what does this concept of “abiding in Christ” mean? How can we tell if we truly are abiding in Him?

BASIC ABIDING PRINCIPLES

- List three “If-Then” illustrations found in John 15 that Jesus gives to teach the concept of “If ye abide in me and I in you” ...
 - Vs. 4-5 - then you will be...
 - Vs. 7-8 - then you shall ...
 - Vs. 10-11 - then you will keep ...
- What is the contrast of abiding in Christ? (John 12:46)
 - What are the characteristics of “abiding in

darkness”?

A. John 12:35 - “...for he that walketh in...

B. John 12:43 - “For they loved the...

C. I John 2:9-11



“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.”

3. What is to be our relationship with those who abide in darkness? (II Corinthians 6:14)

• Why? (6:17-18)

4. What is the comfort of abiding in Christ? (I John 2:28)

E.Y.I. CORNER

- ABIDE** - (Gr. 3306) to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): dwell, endure, be present, remain.
- DARKNESS** - (Gr. 4653) dimness, obscurity.
- HYMNS** - (Gr. 5215) a religious ode (poem); one of the psalms.

VERSE of the WEEK

“And now little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”
-I John 2:28

“NOT WITH ENTICING WORDS OF MAN’S WISDOM”

We might be quick to agree that we need to abide in Christ, but can we recognize when our “abode” is not in Christ?

POSSIBLE ABODES: Discuss how the following avenues lead to a different abode for an individual.

I. MUSIC

- What is the importance of music? How does it “soothe the soul”?
- What are the dangers of the lyrics to music?
- What kind of music does the Bible encourage? Why?
 - Ephesians 5:19
 - Colossians 3:16

II. COUNSEL

- What is the importance of counsel?
- What are the dangers of listening to counsel?

Psalms 13:2; Proverbs 12:5; II Tim. 2:16

- Would you agree or disagree? In the counsel of man we create “reasons” for our behavior, in the counsel of God we become a new creature.

C. What kind of counsel should we seek? Proverbs 8:14; 19:20-21; 20:5

D. What do we know about God’s counsel? Eph.1:11; Isaiah 46:9-11; Ps. 33:11

III. LITERATURE

- What dangers exist in current literature?
- What Biblical warning is associated with the words of man? I Corinthians 2:4-5
- What are we encouraged to do? II Tim. 1:13

What is your conclusion of how we are to abide in Christ?

PRECIOUS HYMN 470

ABIDE WITH ME; FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE; THE DARKNESS DEEPENS; LORD, WITH ME ABIDE. WHEN OTHER HELPERS FAIL AND COMFORTS FLEE, HELP OF THE HELPLESS, O ABIDE WITH ME.

I NEED THY PRESENCE EVERY PASSING HOUR; WHAT BUT THY GRACE CAN FOIL THE TEMPTER’S POWER? WHO LIKE THYSELF MY GUIDE AND STAY SHALL BE? THROUGH CLOUD AND SUNSHINE, O ABIDE WITH ME.