

Scripture: John 15:1-11
Singing: 68:1-4 – 52:1-4 – 164:1-4

Series: John 15 (4)

JESUS CALLS YOU TO ABIDE IN HIM (1)

I. What is abiding? II. How do you abide in Jesus?

III. What is fruit of abiding in Jesus ?

I. What is abiding?

A. Clearly something important as Jesus repeats it 15 times (vs. 1-11)

B. Abiding points to *connection and relationship* (vine/branch)

1. What is needed for a relationship to flourish?

2. If your spiritual life is not flourishing, check your 'connection' (abiding)

II. How do you abide in Jesus?

A. The answer is found in comparing Jesus words in vs. 4 and 7

1. you don't have relationship by being in the same room together (vs. 2, 6)

2. a relationship **begins** when you connect by sharing thoughts through words

3. a real relationship only exist when you 'receive and treasure' those words in your heart

a. such a deepening relationship produces *fruit*

B. The secret of 'abiding in Jesus' is in 7b: *and my words abide in you* (Col. 3:16)

C. Examine therefore if your spiritual life is *barren or flat*

1. Am I 'connecting' with Jesus Christ?

2. Am I 'treasuring' His Words in faith?

III. What is the fruit of abiding in Christ?

Reflect: Does Jesus desire to abide in you?