

“ABIDING IN CHRIST”

John 15:1-11

The word **abide** means “to remain” or “to stay”

I. A Reliance Upon His Strength (vv. 4-6)

“ . . . apart from Me you can do nothing.” (v. 5)

The example of Jesus: *“ . . . the Son can do nothing of Himself . . . ”* (John 5:19)

II. A Receiving of His Word (v. 7)

John 6:63 *“ . . . the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.”*

The example of Jesus: *“ . . . the Father Himself . . . has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak . . . I speak just as the Father has told Me.”* (John 12:49-50)

III. A Relinquishing to His Will (v. 8)

“If you keep My commandments . . . ” (v. 10a)

The example of Jesus: *“I can do nothing on My own initiative . . . I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”* (John 5:30)

IV. A Resting in His Love (vv. 9-11)

John 15:9b *“ . . . abide in My love.”*

The example of Jesus: *“ . . . just as I . . . abide in His love.”*