

At Home in Christ

John 15:4-8

ABIDE IN ME, AND I WILL BE THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE

In the upper room, Jesus shared the secret when He commanded His disciples - *“Abide in Me”*

“As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.” John 15:4

To abide is to be in a constant, dynamic relationship with the Son of God

To abide in Christ is to seek to be so close to Him that those who see you cannot separate you from your relationship with Him

ABIDE IN ME, AND I WILL PRODUCE FRUIT

The ultimate goal of every branch is to produce fruit that is worthy of the vine

The Lord has a unique plan for how He wants you to bear fruit for Him

Anything you do to reach out in the name of Jesus produces fruit in your life

You never grow fruit by concentrating on fruit

You grow fruit by concentrating on Jesus –

“Apart from Me, you can do nothing” John 15:5

ABIDE IN ME, BECAUSE IT IS AN ETERNAL CHOICE

“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them in the fire, and they are burned” John 15:6

When you choose whether or not to abide in Christ, your eternal hope hangs in the balance

The Bible reveals the consequences of refusing to be found in Christ

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In this Life, a **Withered Soul**

There is never a time when the Lord gives up on reaching a lost soul

But every time you deliberately say “No” to Him, your spirit dries up a little bit more

That is why it is so dangerous to turn away, or to put off a decision for Christ until another day –

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation” 2 Corinthians 6:2

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In the Life to Come, **Eternal Lostness**

Jesus is the One who said that those who are separated from Him spend eternity in a place called Hell

Here are some things Jesus said about Hell

It is a place of everlasting torment

It is a place of eternal loneliness

It is a place of unending thirst

It is a place of total despair

It is a place of eternal regret

ABIDE IN ME, AND LET MY CROSS HEAL YOUR WITHERED SOUL

The glory of the cross is not that Jesus died; it is that
Jesus died for you –

*“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,
that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

2 Corinthians 5:21