



**I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him,
bears much fruit; for without Me you
can do nothing.**

JOHN 15:5

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

ABIDING IN THE VINE

Jesus wants us to take example from the relationship that exist between a tree and its branches.

The branch of a tree cannot survive when it is cut off from the main tree; it may still look

fresh and green for few days.

Though it may look green, it cannot bear fruit in that state, because it is in a state where it is dying and will soon wither completely for the eyes to see.

This is exactly what happens to anyone who says, 'I am in Christ', yet refuse to abide in Christ.

So then how do we abide?

The Scripture tells us that Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1).

Therefore to abide in Him, we simply abide in the word of God.

Now the word, 'Abide' means,

to accept, stay, remain, continue, and conform.

As such this is how we abide:

We accept the word of God without objection.

Stay fix on the word as the foundation.

Remain stable and unchanged.

Continue by way of endurance.

Then Conform, be compliant and look like the word.

All these put together gives us a clearer picture of what Jesus meant when He said abide.

And as we can see they are in a progressive state, meaning we can't do all at once but we can move from one to the other.

So abiding in the Vine, is a process.

If you take the first step of accepting the word without objection, the next, and the next, and the next, will fall in line; just be sure that you are ready to go all the way to the end.

Then Jesus said, you will bear much fruit. Not only that, in verse seven, He said, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you”

Though the process may seem tough, but the rewards outweighs the effort.

THINK IT OUT

Don't you think abiding in Christ is the best option?

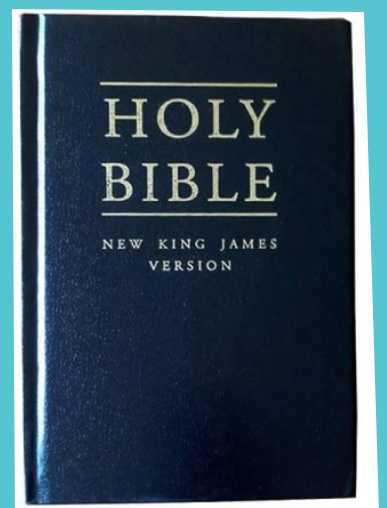
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for showing us the way to a better us. I choose to abide in You Lord. I ask for grace and the courage to begin, and walk to the end, so that I will receive all the benefit of abiding in You.

Know Your Bible:

Remember Jesus said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32)

Do not remain a slave because of ignorance



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