

Some of the Blessings of Abiding ...

- 1. Assurance of Your Salvation (vv. 6-8)
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- 4. An Obedient Life (vv. 9-10)
- → 5. A Joy-filled Life (v. 11)
 - 6. Friendship with Jesus (vv. 12-17)

John 15:1-11

- ¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

- ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

- ⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.



1. True joy comes only from Jesus.

Heb. 1:9

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

John 17:13

"And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

- 1. True joy comes only from Jesus.
- 2. The joy that Jesus gives is not dependent on circumstances.

Phil. 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

1 Thes. 5:16

"Rejoice evermore."

John 16:20

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

Rom. 5:3

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: ..."

James 1:2

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations [trials];"

- 1. True joy comes only from Jesus.
- 2. The joy that Jesus gives is not dependent on circumstances.
- 3. The joy that Jesus gives is abundant.

Psa. 16:11

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is <u>fulness of joy</u>; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

- 1. True joy comes only from Jesus.
- 2. The joy that Jesus gives is not dependent on circumstances.
- 3. The joy that Jesus gives is abundant.
- 4. The joy of the Lord Jesus comes only to those who abide in Him.

The Pathway to Joy ...

- Humility and Honesty—with yourself and with God
- 2. Dependence on Jesus
- 3. Prayerfully Spending Time in God's Word
- 4. Simple Obedience

