

The Consistent Display of Eternal Life by Means of Abiding in Christ

◆ *Scripture Reading:*

◆ **I John 2:18-29**

REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

◇ I Cor 4:16-17

◇ The Apostle Paul expressed his desire for believers to imitate his “ways in Christ.” This would result in others finding Paul to be having God’s righteousness because he was in Christ (and not having his own Law-produced righteousness – Phil 3:9)

◇ Jn 15: 1-5

◇ The Apostle John records the instruction of Jesus on how to show forth God’s righteousness (spiritual fruit) by means of abiding (feeling at ease) in Himself.

◇ In His first Epistle, John explains the abiding relationship with Christ

A wooden boardwalk made of reddish-brown planks winds through a dense, green forest. The path curves gently to the right. In the background, rolling hills are silhouetted against a sunset sky with soft orange and yellow light. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the landscape.

ABIDING IN CHRIST PRODUCES A LIFESTYLE (WALK)

◆ I Jn 2:6 - a walk similar to
Christ's earthly walk

◆ cf Jn 13:1,34; 15:12-13

◆ I Jn 3:16-18

◆ Phil 2:4-8

ABIDING IN CHRIST PRODUCES LOVE IN ACTION

◇ I Jn 2:10

◇ **Light = God's Life in activity**

◇ cf Jn 1:4

◇ **Darkness = the antithesis of this Light**

◇ The absence of God's Life in activity

◇ cf I Jn 2:9,11

ABIDING IN CHRIST

RESULTS IN GOD'S WORD ABIDING IN THE BELIEVER

◆ **1 Jn 2:14 nkjv**

◆ “I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one”

◆ **cf 2:5 nkjv** “But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”

ABIDING IN CHRIST

RESULTS IN

DOING GOD'S WILL

(Loving the Brethren, not the World System)

◆ I Jn 2:17 nkjv

◆ The abiding believer will "...abide (feel at ease) into the age."

◆ i.e. the next age, which is the Millennial Age

ABIDING IN CHRIST
RESULTS IN
ABIDING (Feeling at Ease)
WITH TRUE BELIEVERS

◆ I Jn 2:19 nkjv

◆ “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.”

ABIDING IN CHRIST

ALLOWS THE BELIEVER TO ABIDE IN THE UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE

◆ **I Jn 2:24 nkjv**

◆ “Therefore, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father”

ABIDING IN CHRIST

ALLOWS THE ANOINTING MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FEEL AT EASE IN US

- ◆ I Jn 2:27 nkjv – Tells us HOW to feel at ease in the Son and in the Father
 - ◆ “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him”
 - ◆ Cf Lk 4:18

ABIDING IN CHRIST

PROVIDES A CONFIDENT, UNASHAMED
RECEPTION (for the Apostles) WHEN
CHRIST IS MANIFEST IN HIS PRESENCE

◆ I Jn 2:28 nkjv – Tells us HOW to feel at
ease in the Son and in the Father

◆ “And now, little children, abide in Him, that
when He appears, we may have confidence
and not be ashamed before Him at His
coming”

CONCLUSION

◆ I Jn 4:12-13 (translation mine)

◆ “If we love one another, God is feeling at ease in us, and His love has been brought to its’ designed end in us. By this, we are experientially knowing that we are feeling at ease in Him and He in us, because He has given us out of His Spirit”

◆ cf Rom 8:16; 5:5