

## **Abide in Me John ch 15 v 1- 11**

" To abide in Christ is, on the one hand, to have no known sin unjudged and unconfessed, no interest into which He is not brought, no life which He cannot share.

On the other hand, the abiding one takes all burdens to Him, and draws all wisdom, life, and strength from Him. It is not unceasing consciousness of these things, and of Him, but that nothing is allowed in the life which separates from Him " C. I.

Scotfield 1843 – 1921

Six reasons to abide in Him:

1 God wants it for two principle reasons: A) Our welfare. B) So that we are prepared and ready for Him to use us in His service. 2 Timothy 2 V 21

2 God has provided for it. We are indwelt by His Holy Spirit. God does not waste resources!

3 God demands it. John 15 V 4 and V10 Luke 6 V 46

4 We want it back if we ever had it.

5 We are strengthened by it. John 15 V 4-5

6 God is glorified by it, John 15 V 5 and V 8

With abiding in mind- the Bible shows us a beautiful circle.

1 Adam and Eve in the garden abiding with God.

2 In the O T the Jews urged to abide with God. Walk close Deuteronomy 7 V 6 - 13 8 V 1 – 7

3 In the N T John 14 V 15 Romans 12 V 1-2 Philipians 2 V 5 all draw us to walk close.

4 Then in heaven, the perfect place, the perfect bride with the perfect groom will abide in perfect love together. Faith and hope finished, no longer necessary, 1 Corinthians 13 V 13 Love remains