

The Blessings of Abidance
How Do You Recognize a Christian?
Life in Light of 1 John
July 11, 2021

Notes:

Definition: Abidance is the act of abiding in Christ.

Four blessings of abidance:

1. You will be confident at His coming.
2. You will be certain you are His child.
3. You will be conformed to Christ.
4. You will be consistent in your consecration.

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read 1 John 2:28 and 1 Corinthians 3:12-15.

Consider the phrase “remain in fellowship with Christ” (NLT) or “continue in him” (NIV). What do those words mean? How do you do that on a daily basis?

How is abiding different than being saved? Why is abiding important for those who claim to follow Christ?

What blessing of ‘abidance’ do you see in these verses?

Why will some who follow Jesus shrink back from Him in shame when He returns?

What do you think the different building materials in 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 symbolize? How are you building on the foundation we have in Christ? What kind of materials are you using? How will they hold up when Jesus returns?

Read 1 John 2:29-3:1 and John 15:1-4.

What evidence should be seen in the life of someone who is abiding in Christ?

Pastor Chris said in his sermon, “*Children of God will grow to look like God the Father. Our practice is proof of our parentage.*”

In what way(s) is/are you growing to look more like God?

In what area of your life do you need to more closely resemble Him?

Read 1 John 3:2-3.

How does knowing that all Christians are God’s children affect your relationship with your spouse, parents/children, church family, and the world?

How can the promise of seeing Jesus motivate you to pursue holiness? What one step will you take this week toward being more like Him?

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