

John 15:1-12 • How to Abide in Christ

1. (v.1-12) **Overview:** Seven of the ten references to “abide” place the responsibility of this action on **us**. (See Jn. 6:56; 1 Jn. 2:6; 2 Jn. 9; Ja. 1:25)
2. (v.1-3) To “abide” in Christ we must bear **spiritual fruit**.
3. (v.4) It is impossible to bear spiritual fruit on one’s **own** apart from **Christ**.
4. (v.5-6) Not bearing spiritual fruit leads to being **cut off** from the nutrition supplied by the Vine, spiritually **drying up**, and eventually **cast aside** and **burned**.
5. (v.7) To “abide” in Christ is to show consistent **obedience** to His **Word**, proving His **Word** “abides” in us.
6. (v.8) Bearing spiritual fruit is the biblical proof someone is a **disciple** and not merely a **convert**.
7. (v.9-10) The Son’s **relationship** with the Father is the ultimate example of an abiding **relationship**, rooted in obedience to the **Word**.
8. (v.11) Biblical obedience is not **prohibitive** but actually **freeing**.
9. (v.12) Biblical love comes from first being **obedient** to Christ, rooted in God’s **Word**, and holding others to the same **standard**.