

# ABIDING IN HIM

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There is no way any mortal man could possibly explain God in human language. We must realize we are altogether inadequate. We must accept the Word of God's accuracy and infallibility by faith.

*"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" [Hebrews 11:3].*

God's Word declares, God the Father has exalted His Son Jesus and given Him all power in Heaven and in the earth. When God brought the firstborn into the world, He said, *"Let all the angels of God worship Him"*. The Bible teaches God's people are kings and priest unto God! God has exalted Jesus and He has also exalted His Born Again New Creation people! It is through faith that we believe this powerful declaration of who we are in this dark world!

*"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now*

*much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" [Philippians 2:9-15]*

The scripture is plain. The name of Jesus is truly above every name. Every knee will bow in heaven, in earth, and under the earth to His Holy Name. It is the only name given whereby men can be saved!

The scripture also tells us that we can be blameless and harmless in this evil world. It is by faith in God's Word that we are over comers through the Blood of Jesus! Look at that last verse; we are lights in the world. Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" [St. John 9:5]. Jesus is the Light of the world, but now He has given us this charge. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" [Matthew 5:14]. Glory to God, we are truly His city, the New Jerusalem, the light of the world!

Just as Jesus was in the days of His flesh, our supernatural objective is to light the path of every man that comes into the world with the marvelous gospel of the Kingdom of God; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!

*"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" Ephesians 5:29-30.*

Look at that! We are His flesh and His bones,

His body! The Lord nourishes and cherishes us. We are His treasure! His Holy Spirit is in us! We are His body, the visible expression of the Living Christ that dwells in us! Children of God, this message should awaken you to holiness and godly fear; realizing you are the earthly extension of Jesus Christ! *"As He is, so are we in this world!" (See 1John 4:17).*

We just read where the Apostle Paul wrote, *"We are the sons of God"*! The Apostle John also said, *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God . . ."* (See 1John 3:2).

Apostle Paul also wrote in Romans there was coming a time when the sons of God would be manifested, or revealed. I believe that time is very, very near! *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" [Romans 8:18-19].*

Cast down your carnal minds and let me stir up your pure minds to remember what the Word of God has declared concerning the church of Jesus Christ. Wake up saints, this is what we are and is being proved to you throughout this message!

- Jesus Christ is inside you; this is our hope of glory . . .
- We are the temple of God . . . .
- We are the body of Christ . . . .
- We are His flesh . . . . And His bones . . . .
- We are His hands . . . . And His feet . . . .
- We are the sons of God, Right Now . . . .
- We are one spirit with the Lord.

- We are partakers of His Divine Nature . . . .
- As He is, so are we in this world . . . .
- We are kings and priests unto God . . . .

By faith, we must accept and believe what and who the Bible says we are!

Let me say this to those of you that are motivated by politics and desire to be involved in this world's affairs. The Bible tells us we are sitting in heavenly places and our citizenship is in Heaven! Read it for yourself! *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* [Ephesians 2:6]. You may physically live in America, or Canada, or Mexico, but according to the Word of God, you actually live in Heaven. *"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ"* [Philippians 3:20]. Strongs Concordance reveals the Greek word #4176 for conversation in this verse is *politeuma* which means, *a community, that is, citizenship!*

If you are born again, you are a new creation! You may be in the world, but you're not of the world. Your citizenship is now in Heaven! Believe it! We are commanded to, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord"; "God's kingdom is not of this world"; "Light has no fellowship with darkness" (See 2Corinthians 6:17; John 18: 36; 2Corinthians 6:14). This is why I believe in the separation of church and state!

The Apostle Peter declared we are, ". . . A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" [1Peter 2:9]. Some of you go through your life confessing you're a

Christian and go to church but always living in defeat. Your own words are your worse enemy, "I'm just a poor old sinner, saved by Grace." "I know I'll never amount to anything, but I do try." "I've always been poor, and I always will." "I know I have a tobacco problem, a drug problem, an alcohol problem, but the good Lord understands that I'm weak". And on and on you go condemning and justifying yourself at the same time not realizing you are rejecting God's Grace and Truth!

Multitudes of professing Christians have never discovered what and who they are in Christ! They don't have a clue what it means to be "born again"! It's time to wake up! Start believing what and who God says you are instead of what you have convinced yourself you are. If you have learned all that negativity about yourself in a church, my advice would be to get out of there as fast as you can! You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you! (See Philippians 4:13).

Can you see it! Again these words are not just allegories! These are facts! We are partakers of His Divinity! We really are sons of God, heirs of God and equal heirs with Jesus Christ. Jesus has made all this possible through His obedience. He partook of flesh that we might partake of Divinity! Oh, how I hope that you will believe the Word, that He might not be ashamed to call you brother.

This is so simple my friends! If God is living in you as the Bible certainly teaches, you have Divinity living in you! That may be hard for the carnal mind to accept, but if you have a spiritual mind, it's screaming this truth at you!

*"For this cause shall a man leave his father and*

*mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" [Ephesians 5:31-32].*

Let me expound just a moment on this great mystery the Apostle Paul is speaking of. It seems as if Paul is talking about marriage, and spiritually speaking he is. This man of God revealed many of God's secrets within his epistles. People have stumbled over Paul's writings for ages. But here, he is so plain spoken that anyone reading could understand. He was not talking about an earthly relationship between a man and a woman; but rather he was speaking about a spiritual union between Christ and His church.

The Bible reveals the Lamb of God has a wife! In Matthew chapter twenty-five Jesus compared the Kingdom of God as ten sleeping virgins. While sleeping, a cry came at midnight, "*Behold the Bridegroom cometh.*" Jesus is speaking of the church in the last days. And they were all sleeping! Sleeping and slumbering indicates the church of the end time was inactive spiritually. But suddenly, the breaking of revival begins to stir the church typed clearly as virgins. They all heard the Voice at midnight and begin to trim their lamps. Sadly half of them realized they no longer had oil in their vessels. Only now were they aware that the light they were ordained to be had been extinguished by their lukewarm condition. They had gotten use to the darkness! They could not bring forth the fire of the Holy Ghost.

But the other half had somehow survived the slumbering of a lukewarm church! They trimmed their lamps and the fire of the Holy Ghost once again

began to burn brightly throughout the world. They began to be the lights of the world they were ordained to be! These entered into the Bridegroom's chamber! This speaks of the spiritual union that is yet before us. This is the marriage supper of the Lamb.

We read in the book of Revelation about a woman that is clearly the bride of Christ! We find her in Revelation chapter 12. She is in travail about to deliver a man child! The bride of Christ will re-produce Christ's seed which is His Word! God will re-produce Himself through the Bride of Christ and many will be born into the Kingdom!

They will receive Throne Power and will rule the world with Jesus Christ as the Head; King of kings and Lord of lords! *"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth"* [Revelation 5:10]. This is the destiny of the Born Again! We are born to rule!

*"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne"* [Revelation 3:21].

*"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"* [Revelation 21:7].

The overcoming sons of God will inherit everything! They will be honored to sit with Jesus in His Throne which is the Throne of God! In the Throne where All Power emanates! Ruling and reigning with God! We are equal heirs with Jesus! This is what God has prepared for them that love Him! This is what has not entered into the heart of man, but is revealed by the Spirit!

You can have this world! You can have your

pleasure of sin for a season! You can have your money! I am going to wait on Jesus! He is bringing my reward with Him! Glory to His Holy Name! I am a son of the King! He has chosen us to rule with Him! We are predestinated! We cannot fail! We are the ordained! We are God's elect! Praise God!

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" [Romans 8:14-17].*

There it is! We will be glorified together with Jesus! God is our Father! Oh, how we desperately need to establish this Father - Son relationship with our Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul prayed, *"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" [Philippians 3:10]*. His prayer has impacted my life for over fifty years! I hope it impacts you as well.

Remember now, the Word is plain, *"If we suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified and reign with Him"*. (See Romans 8:17; 2Timothy 2:12).

Don't you know that the sufferings of this present time cannot be compared with the Glory that will be revealed in us! Thank you Jesus! Although Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, He humbled Himself and became a servant. He suffered the reproach of evil men, and at the end, a horrible death that we might have this glorious liberty in God; having become the sons of the Living God



because of His obedience and sacrifice.

*"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" [Galatians 4:4-7].*

Abba, is an affection term. Today, we would say, Daddy or Papa! The Spirit of Jesus has become one with our spirit and we cry Abba, Father by His Holy Spirit that lives in us. We are NOT servants! No sir! We are sons! We are heirs to the Throne of God!

A servant doesn't know his Masters plans! But his sons do! The heirs are called aside and told the plans of the King! His secrets are only revealed to us! His knowledge, is only imparted to us! Glory to God, this is why we have an unction with the Father and know all things; because we are God's sons, not servants! God speaks by revelation to his sons and in parables to the world. The carnal mind cries, Heresy; Blasphemy; Sensationalism; Emotionalism"! But the Bride of Christ cries, "Alleluia", "Thank you Jesus"!

Our Lord Jesus has prayed for us to become one with Him and the Father.

*"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;*

*that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" [St. John 17:20-23].*

Someone once said, "I'll be happy when the Lord's prayer will be answered". I say, "Our Lord's prayer was answered on the Day of Pentecost"!

As I have stated many times, perfect oneness is God in Christ and Christ in you! Jesus has made this possible! Wake up to this revelation of who and what you are in this world. I might be in the world but thank God, I am not of this world! I am of another world, another dimension! I have been translated into the Kingdom of God! Glory to God!

We have been made to sit down in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We now sit in the Kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! To sit is to be at rest! I'm resting in Jesus. Jesus is my Sabbath!

We need to strive to attain the life Apostle Paul achieved. *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" [Galatians 2:20].* If Jesus is indeed your Sabbath, you have arrived! Most are still working.

Heaven is extended to the earth and we are partakers of that which is Spiritual and Divine. Wake up sons of God to your heritage in the Lord! Crucify yourself to the world and let Christ live in you! Let's get out of the hog pen and return to our Fathers House where He will give a feast and put a ring on our finger! Glory!

Yes, our Lord's prayer has been answered! He has given us His Glory that He had with the Father

before the world was!

*“Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” [Colossians 1:26-27].*

Christ in us in our hope of Glory!

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 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. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 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. 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. 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” [John 15:1-6]*

Again we see the beautiful oneness of God in Christ, and Christ in His church. This marvelous picture of the Divine Vine . . . Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches! The Vine and the branches are of the same Spiritual Fabric! The branches are extensions of the Vine and are a part of the fatness of the Vine. We receive Strength, power and life from the Vine. We are kept, and nourished through the Vine. And as branches we bring forth fruit!

Jesus give us all a severe warning here, informing us that if we do not bring forth fruit that the Husbandman (God) will cut us off. He takes away those that fail to bring forth the righteous fruit

of Christ in their lives. And those that do bring forth the fruit of righteousness He purges them that they will bring forth more fruit! What a beautiful picture of the work of God in all our lives. Fiery trials, temptations, hardships, persecutions, all come to purge us that we might continue to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit: *"Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law"* (See Galatians 5:22-23). And if we do these things God has promised us unlimited power. Look at verses 7 and 8:

*"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" [St. John 15:7-8]*

The word abide means, *to stay; dwell; remain; reside in*. If you LIVE IN ME and MY words LIVE IN YOU! I have said many times, our problem today is not the fact that Jesus lives in us. Our problem is that we have failed to really believe that Jesus does live in us, and we have failed miserably to live in Him!

Apostle Paul said, *"For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh" [2Corinthians 4:11].*

Again he cried in his epistle to the Philippian, *" . . . but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus"* (See Philippians 3:12).

*"That I might apprehend (get hold of, arrest) that which has apprehended me."* Paul knew that God had *"got ahold of him"*! God had a hold on his

life and he wanted to get hold of the God that possessed his life. He was a prisoner of the Lord! Too many of us desire to be free of all responsibilities in Christ. Paul was possessed of God and he wanted to possess God Himself. He desired the fullness of what God had for him!

This is what Jesus is saying to all of us, "If ye abide in me. and my words abide in you . . . . "Then my friends you will have come to the place that, "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Whatever your will is you can have; for your will, will be His will!

Living in Jesus; twenty four hours a day, three hundred sixty five days a year, year after year! Asking God whatever we wanted, and seeing God supply it! This is an abundant life! Praise the Lord!

Look at verse eight of John chapter 15 again . . . . *"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."* The Father is glorified when He supplies all your needs. Why? Because we would have come to the place of perfect unity and oneness with the Father. Just as Jesus could have received anything He asked for; we also can receive because we are joint heirs with Christ! We are told to, *"Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."* We are also told, *"We shall be as our Master."* (See Matthew 5:48; Luke 6:40).

This is the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God! That God, through Christ has made us to be partakers of godliness. The wonderful Grace that saves us also teaches us, *"That, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"* (See Titus 2:11-12).

Just as Jesus was the earthly (flesh and bone) extension of God the Father, we are the earthly (flesh and bone) extension of the Glorified Christ. We are God's sons . . . . We are God's light in the world . . . . We are God's body in the earth today . .

Pray this prayer with me. "Lord Jesus, I pray that you will open the understanding of your people to this marvelous mystery of Christ in us, our hope of glory and that we would live in the Spirit and also walk in the Spirit. Help us to abide in you that your words might abide in us that we will bring forth much fruit to glorify the Heavenly Father. That we will begin even now to walk as you walked, abstaining from all appearances of evil, being recognized only by you as the true ambassadors sent from God to a lost and dying world. Help us to let our light shine that all men might see and believe that you alone are the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to walk in all humility as you also walked. But give us boldness and power to proclaim thy truths. Awaken your church to this revelation of righteousness, for I know that if we would only believe the Word of God and become doers instead of hearers, we would do the work that thou has called us to do".

To him that overcometh is mentioned 8 times in the book of Revelation. Look them up dear ones and lay aside the weight and the sin that does easily beset you and run this race.

*"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" [Galatians 5:24-25].*

