

Abiding in Jesus by God's Word

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John 15:1-11 ESV

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:3 ESV

3 Already you are clean (*katharos* - clear, pure, free from corrupt desire and sin, unstained) because of the word that I have spoken to you.

- **Not "already clean" in the sense that the disciples were sinlessly perfect - but "already clean" because of the efficacy of God's Word. God's Word contains the power of God to thoroughly cleanse down to the very last stain and it will never stop working in the heart of the believer.**
- **Abiding (remaining) in continual, intimate communion with God starts in one and only one place, God's Word.**

BORN AGAIN BY GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 1:23 ESV

23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable (*aphthartos* - incorruptible, immortal), through the living and abiding (*menō* - continually dwell, continue to be present) word of God;

SAVED BY GOD'S WORD

James 1:21 ESV

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted

(emphytos - inborn, engrafted) word, which is able to save (sōzō - to save, deliver, heal, preserve, protect, be whole) your souls.

HEALED BY GOD'S WORD

Psalm 107:19-20 ESV

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

2 Timothy 1:6-8 NKJV

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

INFUSED BY GOD'S WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete (artios - fitted, special aptitude for given uses), equipped (exartizō - to furnish thoroughly or perfectly, to finish out, accomplish, finish) for every good work.

SATISFIED BY GOD'S WORD

Jeremiah 15:16 ESV

16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 2:2 CSB

2 Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow up into your salvation,

GUIDED BY GOD'S WORD

Psalm 119:105 ESV

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

CLEANSED BY GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

SANCTIFIED BY GOD'S WORD

John 17:17 ESV

17 Sanctify (*hagiazō* - to separate from the profane and dedicate to God for service) them in the truth; your word is truth.

SEARCHED BY GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

HEART AND MIND REWRITTEN BY GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 8:8-11 ESV

8 For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

Romans 12:2 ESV

2 Do not be conformed (*syschēmatizō* - to conform one's mind and character to another's pattern) to this world, but be transformed (*metamorphoō* - to transform, transfigure, change into another form) by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD

2 Corinthians 3:7-9 ESV

7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end,

8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

THE PROMISE OF GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 55:6-12 ESV

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

MEDITATION MUST BECOME A DAILY DISCIPLINE

Psalm 1:1-3 ESV

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates (hagah - speak, study, mutter, utter, muse, imagine) day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Matthew 23:5 ESV

5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

Exodus 13:9 ESV

9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ESV

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.