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# On Abiding and Fruit Bearing

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**Christianity is the good news that if  
you are in Christ then God the  
Father regards you as he regards  
Jesus.**

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**The Christian life is God's life in us.**

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# John 15:1-11 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

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# John 15:1-11 (ESV)

**<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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**

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# John 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> nothing. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is

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# John 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his

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# John 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

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# Abide

- The fact of abiding
- The means of abiding
- The result of abiding

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# The Fact of Abiding

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# The Means of Abiding

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**<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in**

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**10 my love, just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in his love.**

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**We abide by trusting in Jesus' love  
and believing his word.**

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# The Result of Abiding

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**“We are not idle in the battle to abide in Jesus. But in the end the battle is assured because it does not depend finally on us. Jesus wins. No one can snatch us out of his hand. He and his Father are greater than all. Therefore, his demand that we abide in him is that we keep trusting the one who keeps us trusting.”**

**-John Piper**

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