

Abide In Me - cont.

manity dwell together? You think of them regularly (Psalm 1:1-2; Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16-17). You develop their same attitude toward spiritual things (Philippians 2:5; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20). You develop their same attitude toward others (1 John 3:17; 4:12-16). And, you take on their same nature (John 3:3-5; Galatians 5:23-24; 1 Peter 1:3-4; 1 John 2:3-6,10; 3:9).

What else happens when two or more dwell together? You accept them as who they are (1 John 4:15). You are influenced by their words (Col. 3:16; 1 John 2:14) and you keep their words (John 14:23-24; 15:9-10; 1 John 3:24). You want only what they want (Colossians 3:1-2). And, you want to be with them always (Psalm 23:6; John 15:4-7).

Abide In Me

Friend, you can either abide in God's love, or abide in his wrath (John 3:36). You can either dwell with sin and Satan in this life (Revelation 2:13), or dwell with deity and righteousness in heaven (2 Peter 3:13). Which will you choose today? Let's all choose to let deity abide in us. Let's all choose to abide in him! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Character is built, not inherited.
- Seek (God, truth, salvation, etc.) and you will find; don't seek and you will not find.
- If you want to worry about nothing, pray for everything.
- Knowing that it's hard to get off your "high horse" gracefully, it's best not to get on him in the first place.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abides in me**, and I in him, the same bears much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. If a man **abide not in me**, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye **abide in me**, and my words **abide in you**, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

- John 15:5-7 -

Abiding and Dwelling

We are told in the Bible that deity and humanity can “abide” together (Gr. *meno* = a continued state or relationship; remain; tarry). This is a beautiful thing that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit want to abide with mankind. We are also told that deity and humanity can “dwell” together (Gr. *oikeo* = to make one’s abode with another).

Isn’t it a wonderful thing that deity and humanity can have a close, spiritual relationship one with another? Intimate relationship and influence is the principle meaning of “abide”, not location. Also, deity and humanity abide together and dwell together in a non-miraculous and non-mysterious way. In this article, we will study how they do just that.

Deity and humanity dwell together figuratively, not literally. All three members of the godhead (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit) dwell in the believer, not just the Holy Spirit. Deity dwells in the believer in the same manner as faith, truth, sin, etc. dwell in the believer.

Abiding Together

What does the Bible teach about the who and what that abide together? First of all, the Christian abides in Christ (John 6:56; 15:4-7). He does this by being baptized into Christ and continuing to obey Jesus each day.

Second, the Christian abides in Christ’s word (John 8:31). He does this by continuing to live in and obey Christ’s word.

Third, Christ’s word abides in the Christian (John 15:7; 1 John 2:14; 2 John 2). The Christian allows the word of Christ to continue influencing him each day.

Fourth, the Christian abides in Christ’s love (John 15:9-10). He continues to obey Christ and be the beneficiary of Christ’s love in his life and he continues to love others as Christ loved him.

Deity and Christians are to be abiding

together (1 John 2:6,10,14,24,27,28; 3:6,9,17,24; 4:12,13,15,16; 2 John 2,9).

Dwelling Together

What does the Bible teach about the who and what that dwell together? First of all, God dwells in the Christian (2 Corinthians 6:16). God dwells where he can be holy.

Second, Jesus Christ dwells in the Christian (Ephesians 3:17). Christ dwells where he can save.

Third, the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian (Romans 8:9,11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:14). The Holy Spirit dwells where he can teach.

Fourth, the word of Christ dwells in the Christian (Colossians 3:16). Christ’s word is at home in the faithful Christian.

Fifth, faith dwells in the Christian (2 Timothy 1:5). Faith is at home in the life of a Christian who believes and obeys.

Deity and Humanity Dwelling Together

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