

Abide
John 12:46
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Thesis: I want to show what it means to abide in Christ.

- Intro:
1. What does it mean to abide in Christ? What does the Bible say?
 2. How do you live for Christ?
 3. What are the blessings and security only found in Christ?

I. What it means to abide in Christ.

A. We walk in Him (**Col 2:6**)

1. We live through the commands/teachings of Christ. (**Give Me the Bible Song**)
2. We are to do this as we have “been taught” (Col 2:7).

B. Christ lives in us (**Gal 2:20**)

1. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;” (Gal 2:20a).
 - a. When we are buried with Christ in baptism, our old man dies (**Rom 6:4-6**).
 - b. Thus Christ lives through us. How are you living?
2. “and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Gal 2:20b)
 - a. The life we live today we live so that others can see Christ in us.

II. Abiding in Christ means to live for him.

A. We must walk in the light of His word (**1 Jn 1:7**)

1. To walk in the light of His word means we follow God’s Word.
2. Those who truly love God follow His commands; it’s that simple (**Jn 14:15**).

B. Live worthy of your calling (**Eph 4:1-3**).

1. “worthy” - *appropriately*:— *as becometh*, (Strong’s g0516).
2. If we are a N.T. Christian than we ought to live like one. Our life should be such that shows forth a lifestyle of a person who adheres to God’s commands (**Rev 14:13b**).

III. Blessings & Security is only for those who abide in Christ.

A. Blessings only in Christ (**Eph 1:3**).

1. The text is clear, God has blessed the faithful. Only God blesses people and He only blesses HIS people.
2. Spiritual blessings are only in Christ, thus no spiritual blessings are found outside of Christ.

B. Security only in Christ (**Rom 8:1**).

1. Doesn’t the Bible make it clear, those who walk according to the spirit have security in Christ. These people have eternal security.
 - a. **John 1:9**
 - b. **John 1:12**
2. Those who are IN Christ have no condemnation; but only those who are in Christ.

Conc:

1. Are you abiding in Christ? The Bible is clear only those who abide in Christ will have eternal life.
2. What about your eternal security? Explain **John 12:46**
3. Full Invitation