

You Abide in Christ By...

1. Believing Christ and the Father are the I AM.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." John 15:1 CET

2. Understanding that the Father desires you to bear fruit.

"Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he <u>takes it up</u>, and every branch that does bear fruit he <u>prunes</u>, that it may <u>bear more fruit</u>.

³ You are already <u>clean</u> because of the word I have spoken to you."

John 15:2-3 CET

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:4-6 NIV

3. Allowing His Word to remain in you.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you..." John 15:7a NIV

4. Asking what true disciples desire.

"...ask whatever you <u>desire</u>, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my <u>disciples</u>." John 15:7b-8 CET

5. Remaining in His love.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now <u>remain in my love</u>. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:9-11 NIV

6. Loving others as Christ has loved you.

"My command is this: <u>Love each other as I have loved you</u>. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: <u>to lay down one's life for one's friends</u>. ¹⁴ You are my friends <u>if you do what I command</u>. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not <u>know his master's business</u>. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:12-15 NIV

7. Going and bearing fruit—fruit that lasts.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: <u>Love each other.</u>" John 15:16-17 NIV

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also." John 15:18, 20 NIV

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify..." John 15:26-27a NIV

"All this I have told you so that you will not fall away." John 16:1 NIV

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment." John 16:7-8 NIV

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 NIV