

Abiding Love

John 15:1-11; 1 John 4:12-21

I. Abiding Love

A. Abiding Love: What is it?

Abiding to stay in a given place, state. Relations, to abide, continue, dwell, endure be present, remain

B. Abiding Love: What does it look like?

1. When we are connected to Christ we ***bear fruit*** (Jn. 15:4-5).

The fruit is...

- a. The ***character*** of Christ.
 - b. The ***purpose*** of Christ.
 - c. The ***passion*** of Christ.
2. When we are connected to Christ we ***have life*** (v. 6).
 3. When we are connected to Christ we ***take ownership*** (v. 7).
 4. When we are connected to Christ we ***find comfort*** (v. 9).
 5. When we are connected to Christ we ***obey Him*** (v. 10).
 6. When we are connected to Christ His love comes ***through us*** (1 John 4:12).

7. When we are connected to Christ His love comes from ***His Spirit*** (v. 13).

8. When we are connected to Christ His love reveals itself ***in truth*** (v. 15).

9. When we are connected to Christ His love reveals itself in ***steadfast love*** (v. 16).

Bottom Line:

10. When we are connected to Christ His love ***reveals itself***.

C. Abiding Love: What does it result in?

1. God's love is completed in us (v. 17).
2. God's love brings confidence (v. 17 cf. v. 18).
3. God's love brings companionship (v. 17).

II. Application and Action

- A. ***Get*** connected to the vine.
- B. ***Stay*** connected to the vine.
- C. ***Grow*** in your connection.