

If you Abide in My Word

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- **There is a clear boundary.** If we abide, live, and remain within the commands and expectations of Jesus we are truly His disciples. Will know the truth and be free.

Does not Transgress but Abides

- *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. 2 John 9-11*

How Do We Abide?

- Everyone who **goes on ahead and does not abide** in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. (ESV)
- Anyone who **goes too far and does not abide** in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; (NASU)
- Whosoever **goeth onward and abideth not** in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: (ASV)
- Whoever **transgresses and does not abide** in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. (NKJV)
- **the one who abides in the teaching**, he has both the Father and the Son NASU
- The authority of Jesus recorded in the NT is a boundary. We can't pass that boundary!

Dwell In Jerusalem

- *Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "**Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37 For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head.**" 1 Kings 2:36-37*
- The city had a clear boundary. Do not pass over that boundary or you will die.

He Left Jerusalem

- *And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back. 42 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the Lord, and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain that **on the day you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die**'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard is good.' 43 Why then have you not kept the oath of the Lord and the commandment that I gave you?" 1 Kings 2:41-44*

What Does Jesus mean: "My Word?"

- *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and **hears My sayings and does them**, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But **he who heard and did nothing** is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." Luke 6:46-49*

What About the Apostles?

- *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*
Mt. 28:18-20

The Commands of the Lord

- *If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. 1Cor 14:37-38*
- If it is in the Scriptures we are expected to begin the work of making it a part of our life.
- If it is forbidden in the Scriptures we are expected to remove it and repent/confess.
- If it is taught in the Scriptures we are expected to believe it and submit to it.

It is Seamless

- *He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me. Luke 10:16*
- *He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. Matt 10:40-41*
- *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." John 13:20*

His Words Show us the Way

- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6*
- *Enter in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. 14 For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leads unto life, and few are they that find it. Mt 7:13-14*

Illustrations from the Old Testament

- *Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' 17 Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'
Jer. 6:16-17*
- *O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. Jer. 10:23*
- It is exactly the same with Jesus words.

More Illustrations

- *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Ps 119:105*
- *5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Prov 3:5-8*
- *NKJV*

- *And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. 25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.'*
Deut 6:24-25

● *With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, en thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Mic
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