



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Abide in Me ... By Jeanne*

READ JOHN 15: 1-17

- **H**ow great is our God. So far above our comprehension. We settle for a trickle of His fullness when He is longing to show forth His glory in the world by filling us with His oceans.
- "Abide in Me ". This is Gods answer to all our questions. This is not just a command but a loving invitation from God.

- **Two big questions in a Christian life :**

How close can we truly walk with God in this life?

- Do we believe we can walk close to God every moment of our lives? Discouragement, wilderness experiences, failure and our own misunderstanding of teaching can cause us to believe this is something we cannot take hold of in reality.
- A close intimate walk with God moment by moment, day by day is exactly what Jesus meant when He said "Abide in Me". He has put this unspeakable blessing within our reach. Faith takes full hold of the promise with its wondrous joy.

Can we truly show forth Gods love and compassion in the world bringing His healing and deliverance . Can we break every yoke that binds and set the captives free, living out *Isaiah ch 58* to the full?

- This is exactly what we are called to do. If we accept Jesus invitation in faith, He will give us the grace and power to accept and hold the blessing it promises. He appointed us to bear fruit to His glory.
- Think of when we first came to Christ, His call "*Come to Me*"
- As great as were the blessings which we knew when we came to Him, much greater are the treasures which the abiding will give us. "*Come and stay with Me*" is what Jesus meant when He called us. Only this abiding can satisfy the thirsty soul.

- **Vine and the branches**

All the vine possesses belongs to the branches. The vine does not gather from the soil its fatness and sweetness for itself , all it has is at the disposal of the branches.

- And Jesus to whom we owe our lives, how completely does He give Himself for us. "*The glory Thou has given Me , I have given to them ?*" "*He who believes in Me the works that I do shall he do also and greater works shall he do*" - John 14 v12.
- The fruit the branch bears it bears to give away. We must forget ourselves and live for others , to love, to seek for the lost and to save them.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

- What joy is ours to be co workers with Christ, drawing all from Him , His bearing fruit through us and showing forth His glory. What joy to see precious souls saved.
- There is a spot where we can enter and abide and enjoy to the full the rich supply His wondrous love has prepared for us.
- Here in the heart of Christ we can take hold of that for which He has taken hold of us , that is, an intimate walk abiding in Him moment by moment, bringing salvation and healing to the lost, living out *Isaiah 58* and showing the world the glory of the only true God.
- We can come just as we are knowing that His power to keep us abiding is far stronger than our tendency to stray.
- He died that we might have life and have it to the full. "*And this is eternal life that they may know You the one true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent*" - *John 17 vs 3*.

### Events /Notices

- ▶ **2nd CEF Training Night** takes place this *Tuesday at 7pm* in 110.
- ▶ **Week of Prayer** starts next *Sunday October 1st at 7.00pm* and continues each night until Thursday.

### Extra Services

***If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:***

#### ▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11).*

#### ▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).