

How Important: To Abide in Him !

St. John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

Here it is again, "If ye abide..." oh, I like that word, "Abide," not run here, and run there, and run here, and run there. But, *"If ye abide in Me and My Words abide in you, then ask what you will, and it'll be given unto you."* That's right. "If ye abide..." **I like the abiding Church, don't you? Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine.** [1]

It's written over in St. John about the 15th chapter, *"If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you..." See, the Word abides in you. See? "Then ask what you will, and it'll be done." Because it's not you; it's the Word that's in you. And the Word is God, God in you. God is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1-3).*

Now, **in the return of the Holy Spirit bringing the Word in us, and It abiding in there, then it's not you that speaks;** it's the Word itself coming out. So, the Word will perform the work. [2]

Now, the Father and His Word is inseparable, 'cause the Word is His Son. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us."* God and His Word is inseparable. You cannot have God without having His Word, and when you have His Word, you have God.

Then you have God, the Word in you. And you believe the Word just as you believe God because It is God, and It's inseparable. Then if you have God's Word in you, you have God's Life in you. You have God in you. And whatever God's Word speaks forth out of you, It'll have to come to pass just like it was spoken from God. [3]

The Word of God is the thing that the Holy Spirit uses, not creeds, not denominations, but the Word is what separates us from the things of the world. It cuts away our ideas and things, and wholly consecrates us to God. Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you..." There you are. **Then it isn't your word, it's His Word. Then you see, "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, you could ask what you will."** See what it is? You're not

speaking your own word; **you're speaking His Word.** So then the Holy Spirit is the One that takes the Word of God and separates us from these things of the world. [4]

And then, when His Word becomes preeminent in you, then **it's you and Christ are one then. Because it's not you no more; it's the Word of God: Christ in you.** You become one. All right. [5]

"If a man abide in Me and I in him, if ye abide in Me and My Words in you." **Abiding, not just jumping from place to place,** and swapping your fellowship card from a oneness to a twoness and a threeness, and back to a Presbyterian, Lutheran. **"Ye abide in Me,"** and He is the Word, **"My Words abide in you!"** [6]

As I have said, if I had the spirit of Beethoven in me, I would write songs. If Beethoven lived in me, I would be Beethoven. See?

If Shakespeare lived in me, I'd be Shakespeare. I'd write poems and plays and so forth, if Shakespeare lived in me.

And if Christ lives in me, **the works of Christ you'll do.** Right. It's got to be. And **what is Christ? The Word.** [7]

But stay in there. *"If ye abide in Me and My Word abides in you..."* How many knows that's true? It's the promise of God.

"If ye abide in Me..." **That means stay there.** Don't be running over Egypt and running after the things of the world. *"If ye abide in Me, My words abide in you, you can ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you."* That's His promise. If you're Abraham's seed, **then stay in that promise.** If you're out of it, come back to it. **You'll get in trouble** down there in Egypt. Come on **back into the promised land!** [8]

Now, "abide" means to "stay there", (rest there). **If you take God's promise in your heart, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), get it in your heart, let it stay there.** Don't never take it out. Let it stay there. Act on it! Oh, my! That's the real truth! If ye abide in Me (**the Holy Spirit, Christ**), and My Words (**My promises, all**) abide in you (stay there), just ask what you will, and it'll be done to you, 'cause It's got to do it. [9]

That's Christ's Own Word. But, what? The Word has to abide in you. **"If ye abide in Me, in Christ, and My Word in you."** Then, how do we get into Christ? By the baptism of the Holy Spirit (*I Cor. 12:13*). Then, that's one part. But, then, "If ye abide in Me, and then My Words abide in you, then you can ask what you will." **But you have to have both, Christ and Word.** And

you really can't have One without the Other, that's right, because It's the **Self-same thing**.

You can't have the Father without having the Son. You can't have the Son without having the Holy Ghost. **It's the Self-same Spirit**.

So, then, you see, you can't do it any other way than to take God's provided Absolute for our lives. Now I'm tied to Him, by His Word. He is my Absolute. And I've found that it's great and precious to live by Him. [10]

The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower, when the righteous run into it, are safe (*Prov. 18:10*). What kind of a tower? It's a **tower of refuge**, where we can go in there. And the Lord is the Word.

Again, "**If ye abide in Me (the tower), My words abide in you...**" Now, that's when you're on the inside. Not when you're out there looking in; **but when you're in here looking out**. See? [11]

Sometimes God placed you in a congregation that's wrong, to shed some Light. Don't jump up, just keep jumping from place to place, from one thing to another. **Just stay under the Blood. Go to running out, then your security is gone**. Stay under the Blood.

"Name is a mighty tower. The righteous run into it, and they're safe." Let off the pressure. See Him in the hours that we know that there's people that's under that Blood. We see it vindicated. We see God, what He does to vindicate His Church.

Promised anything when we're in this Tower. "Anything that you ask in My Name, I'll do it." **What a place!** It's written, "Do all things, whatsoever you do, do it in My Name," (*Col. 3:17*), not do it in the name of the church. **Then, in His Name we have fellowship**. [12]

St. John 14:12, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do he shall do also; greater than this shall he do, because I go to the Father." "A little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet you shall see Me, because I'll be with you, even in you." (John 14:19-20). How did He? **Not the body**; it's sitting at the right hand of the Majesty. But the Token, **that you have received Him**, and He has given It back to you, take that Token and claim anything you wish to. God promised it. [13]

Now, as sure as Adam and Eve had to be the same spirit, Christ and the Church have to be the same Spirit, the same ministry. "The things that I do, shall you do also." You see what I mean? They had to unite together. Flesh and blood, and God, had to come together and be one Spirit. **And Jesus Christ and His Church is one Spirit**. How can the church deny creation, how can the church deny the thing that Christ told them to do, how can we deny It and then say that we are of Christ? **"I am the Vine, ye are the**

branches, and the Life that's in the vine goes into the branch to bear the fruit." (John 15:1-2). Fruit-bearers! [14]

You don't ask the sheep to bear wool or manufacture wool. The sheep don't have to manufacture wool. He'd say, "Now, my master wants me to have some wool this year. I got to get busy." No, the only thing he has to do is **just remain a sheep.** That's right. The wool will automatically bear it...

And we're not asked to manufacture fruits; we're supposed to produce fruit, bear fruits. See? **We are supposed to bear fruits.** And as long as you are a fruit tree of God with God's Word, **God's Word will vindicate Itself.** It'll bear fruit as long as the Word's in there.

You don't manufacture it. You work yourself not up to it; it's just actually there. And it goes on and on. [15]

Now, we know that this world is a creation. And before there can be a creation, there has to be a Creator of that creation. And this Creator expresses Himself in the creation (*Rom. 1:18-21*). If we did not even have a Bible, we would still know that, the truth, just as we do. **This Bible only sets it in order.**

Now, **God, creating the creation, is expressing Himself back in the creation. He is a God of variety.** He makes big hills, and little hills; and He makes the deserts, and He makes lakes; and He makes little trees, and big trees; and white flowers, and red flowers; and makes little men, and big men; and red-headed women, and black-headed women. And He makes us different, 'cause He wants us that way. He's a God of variety. **And He makes some rich, and some poor, some in between.** But we got a place to serve God, and that's the place that He's placed us in, **if we'll just abide in that place.** [12]

All of us has our places, and we must abide in our calling. [16]

All Christians must use this same absolute, the Word of God. **God's Word is the Christian's stay.** [17]

"If ye abide," not in and out, in and out, but, "if ye abide in Me," and He is the Word, "and It abides in you, then just ask what you will and it shall be given unto you. Ye shall have it."

"He that receiveth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has already passed from death to Life." (John 5:24). But can you receive the Word, first? **Can you receive the Word, all the Word, all of Christ? Christ is the anointed Word. He is the Word, anointed** (*Luke 2:10-11*).

Christ means "the anointed One," the anointed Word for that day, made manifest, the Saviour, the Redeemer. That's when He was to come, and He was that anointed Person to take that place (*Acts 2:36*). [18]

Now, **when Jesus came,** He wasn't just a man. He wasn't just the third person of the trinity. **He, He was God. He was God, Himself.** He, He was Emmanuel (*Isaiah 7:14*). And we're taught, in the Bible, that, **"We're saved by the Blood of God."** When God Himself became one of us, He changed His, what He was. **He changed His tent.** He came down, condescending from Glory, and became man (*Phil. 2:5-8*). Therefore, born without sex, **He created Himself a body that He lived in, Himself. Emmanuel,** God represented with us, the Word made flesh among us, and lived with us (*Matt. 1:21-23*), to redeem many sons back to God, through the shedding of this Blood.

The body, sure, was Christ. It was the anointed One. And if Christ means "the anointed One," and He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (*Heb. 13:8*), **and He is the Word, then the Word is the anointing.** "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then say what you will." **It's the Word of God, the anointed Word, that's what does it.** [19]

It was Jesus, in Mark 11:23, that said, "If you say to this mountain," not if you pray to this mountain. **"If you say to this mountain, 'be moved,'** and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you've said." Now you, if you say it just presumptuously, it won't happen. **But if something in you, that you're anointed for the job, and will know that it's the will of God to do it,** and will say it, it's got to happen. [20]

The Headship and the Body has become one unit. It's God manifested in His people. That's the reason the husband and wife is no longer twain; they're one. **God and His Church is one, "Christ in you," God's great revelation.** Glory to God! Even bearing His Name; **His Name is Jesus, the Anointed.** The reason He is called Jesus, **He is the Anointed. It's the anointed Body of Christ,** proving, manifested God like That body did. And That body redeemed every of this, these bodies, and through there God works His threefold manifestation, going to the Kingdom. Risen, paid the price! We're redeemed. God has proved it, vindicated it. See?

And we stand justified in Christ, before Him. Because, He cannot pass judgment, for He's already judged that Body, in which I am a part of. What, how am I a part of it? Here It is; It's in me. "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you, then what you say... Ask the Father anything in My Name, it'll be done, **because It's there.**" Justified! Glory to God!

And to be sure, that, the whole Rapture now; Luther was a part, Wesley was a part, the prophets were a part. Just in the revelation that they were making up, the body, feet, toes, arms, and so forth, until the Head, see, that makes the entire Rapture. **It's the Body of the Word, which is Christ.** Amen!

Outside of That, you're lost. I don't care how good you are, or what your relationship is, or what your fellowship is, or what your organization is, **you're lost, outside of that Word being in you.**

"If ye abide in Me, the Word, My Word abides in you, then you ask what you will," **because you and the Word are the same. He has the preeminences.** He's got the rulership. **You're a prisoner to Him.** The world is dead. You have nothing more... **You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. You're a prisoner. You're yoked with Him.** "My yoke is easy." (*Matt. 11:28-29*). **Yoked with Christ, with His Word.** "I do that only which pleases the Father. And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word." So perfect! [21]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]