

THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 15:1-11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:1-11

³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.

John 15:1-11

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

John 15:1-11

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

John 15:1-11

Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

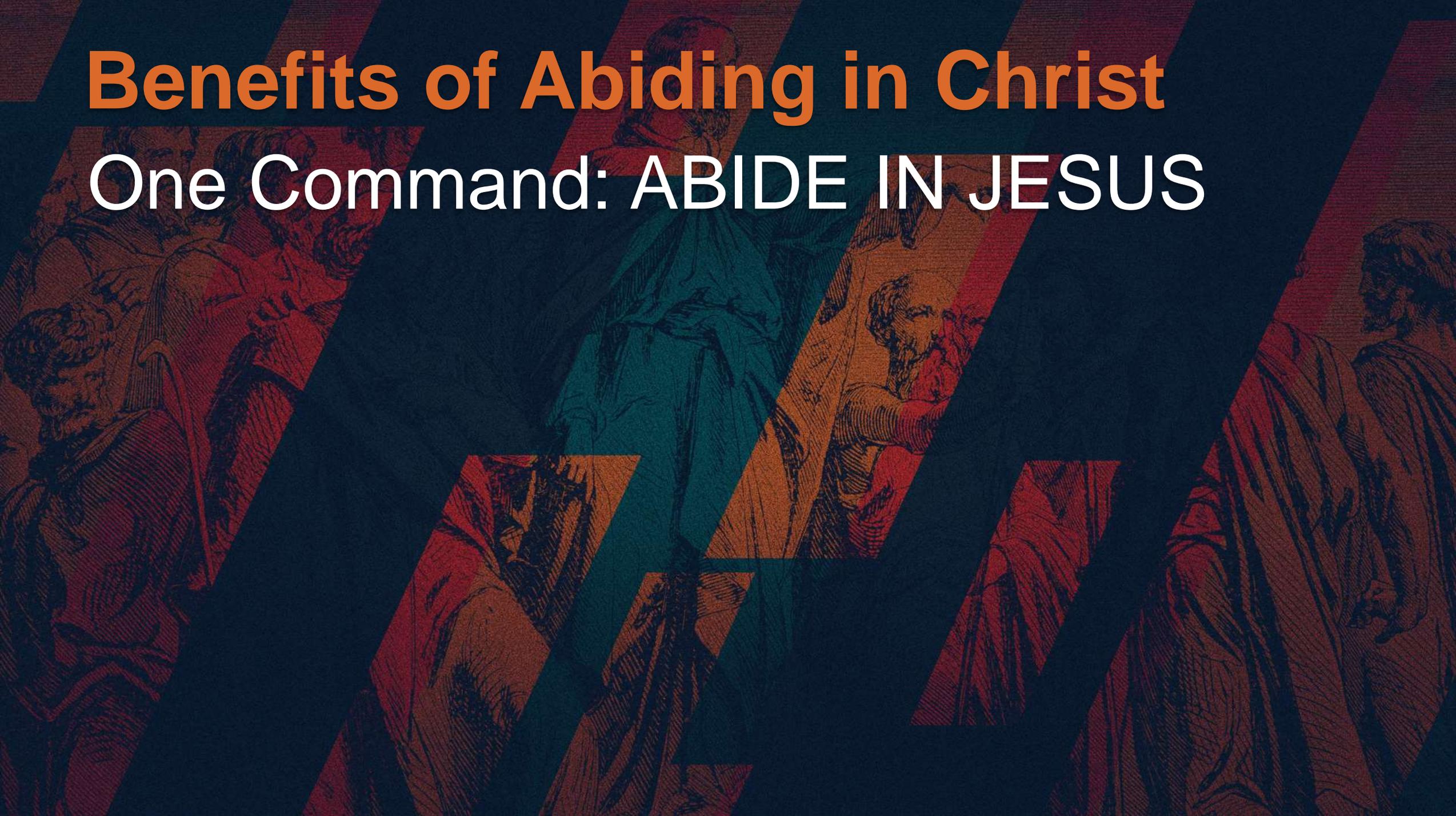
¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Benefits of Abiding in Christ

True disciples of Jesus have a permanent, life-giving, fruit bearing, joy producing union with Jesus.

Benefits of Abiding in Christ

One Command: ABIDE IN JESUS



Benefits of Abiding in Christ

menō: a verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relationship):— continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry.

Benefits of Abiding in Christ

- Christ we are united to Christ
- We are a new creation
- We bear the fruit of the Spirit
- Jesus' Word has become alive in us
- We are the adopted children of God
- Obedience is of paramount importance.

Benefits of Abiding in Christ

One Central Statement of Truth

Two Conditional Statements

Three Benefits:

Answered Prayer

Secure in God's Love

Fullness of Joy

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Answered Prayer:

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Assurance of God's Love:

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Benefits of Abiding in Christ

Willful breaches in our sanctification will greatly hinder our sense of justification.

-Richard Sibbes

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Fullness of Joy:

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Benefits of Abiding in Christ

1. Confession and Admission
 2. Focus on God's love for you
- Bruised Reed by Richard Sibbes
3. Focused Prayer
 4. Increase your intake of the Word