

Living Our Faith

Things We Already Know But May Have Forgotten

More Than Forgiven

- At the Cross my Sins were Forgiven
- At the Cross my Nature was Transformed
- At the Cross my Identity was Renewed.
- God equips us to live according to our new identity
- BUT, Is Christ Living His Life Through Me?
- Romans 3:23-25 – Christ's blood – Our propitiation
- Romans 5:8- 9 – Justified by His Blood
- Rom.6:1-10 – Sanctified by His Resurrection

Abiding In Christ

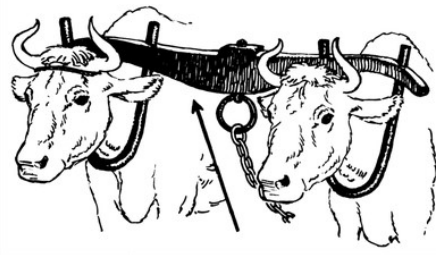
- Matt.28:19 – Go, make disciples, Immerse
- John 15:4,5 - **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for **APART** from me you can do nothing.
- So, what does it mean to "Abide"?

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- Lk.18:17 - "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."
- To rest, to stay close, to find comfort in the arms of one who loves us. Kids with parents, spouses with each other
- Maturing in Christ is not to become more independent, but rather to become more dependent
- Abiding in Christ is not about more doing, but rather being
- The person who is yoked to Christ has the happiest and strongest life

Being Yoked To Jesus

- Matt.11:28-30
- Who is Jesus talking to?
- How do we find rest for our souls?
- Gal.2:20- yet not I but Christ who lives in me



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- Mark 13:11 - And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit.
- He will show you things you did not know to speak His word in that moment.
- John17:3 - And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 20-21 – ... that they may be in us ...

Abiding In Christ

- The grace, in our conversion and pardon are often seen as being God's work, but now in gratitude to God it is our work to live as Christians and follow Jesus.
- Abiding is not a condition of Salvation but a consent to let Jesus do His work through us
- Prov.3:5,6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge (rest in) Him and He will direct your path

Walking With Jesus

- Are you walking with Jesus or just “believing” the right thing? Is your life surrendered to Christ?
- Are “immersed” in the Godhead? John 17
- Are you walking in the YOKE with the Trinity or are you just doing “religion”?
- How much time do you spend with alone with God each day? Are you too busy for 20 min with the Father?
- What Spiritual Formation needs to happen in your life?