

Abiding in Christ (Part 4)

(John 15:1-11)

I. The Christian life involves nothing less than union with Christ (vs. 4, 5).

II. Union with Christ inevitably yields spiritual fruit (vs. 4, 5).

III. The continuation of spiritual fruitfulness hinges on abiding in Christ (vs. 4, 5).

A. We abide in Christ by continuing attachment to His Word (v. 7).

B. We abide in Christ by prayer (v. 7).

-Jesus assumes His people pray (Matt. 6:6; 7:7, 8).

-Prayer is an address to the God of heaven.

-Types of prayer: Adoration (104:1, 2; Ps. 90:1, 2; Rev. 4:8; Matt. 6:9); Confession (Ps. 51:4; Is. 6:5; Ezra 9:6; Matt. 6:12); Thanksgiving (Ps. 75:1; 118:1; 86:2); Petition (Matt. 6:9-13)

-The Condition of the Promise (v. 7a; Col. 3:16)

-The Blessing Promised (v. 7b; 1 John 5:14, 15)

Practical Lessons

1) Real Christians pray.

2) Prayer is the thermometer of the soul.

3) Prayer is the special place of blessed communion with Jesus.