



“Dear Children, Abide In Him”

1 John 2:26-29

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

John 14:1-8
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(See also [re: *the vine*] Jer. 2:21-23; 5:9-10; Hos. 10:1-2; Ezek. 17:5-6; Ps. 80:7-9; [re: *warning*] Heb. 2:1; Rom. 12:9; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 15:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:5-6; 19-24; Eph. 5:11-16; 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 5:8; 2 Pet. 1:3-10; 2 Jn. 1:8-11; Mk. 13:32-37)

DISCUSS

1. Read John 15:1-8. What did Jesus mean when He said He was “the true vine?” (see “*vine*” passages identified above) What gospel implications are present within His statement?

2. Abiding is a recurring theme for John, in both his gospel account and his letters. What does it mean to “abide” in something?

3. Read 1 John 2:26-29. How does Jesus’ words in John 15:1-8 help us understand John’s letter?

4. What is the significance of “the anointing abiding in us” (1 Jn. 2:27) and the command to “abide in him” (2:27, 28)?

5. Matt Chandler once said, “We will not all make it to the end serving Jesus.”¹ Compare Chandler’s statement with some of the warning passages in Scripture (see “*warning*” passages identified above). What is the danger implicit in these kinds of warnings?

6. In his book *Dangerous Calling*, Paul Tripp refers to “the dynamic of visual lethargy.”² The idea is that the more we see something the less we actually see it. How could this dynamic relate to the Christian life?

7. At the conference Pastor Patrick referenced, Matt Chandler identified four things that could help Christians remain healthy and watchful: (1) Grow in self-awareness, (2) Manage physical vitality, (3) Pursue spiritual depth, (4) Sharpen the axe. Discuss and identify specific way these could apply to you.

8. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?

Notes:

¹At an Acts 29 Members Conference in Dallas, TX.

²Tripp, *Dangerous Calling*, 2012, p. 115.