

“The Secret to Abiding: The Holy Spirit”

John 14:16-17

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John 15:5 *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man abides in me and I abide in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

To **“abide”** in Christ is to be vitally connected.

Message: *The secret to abiding IN Christ is the Holy Spirit.*

Intimacy, unity, power, victory, “fruit” and so much more!

How would your life change daily if you accessed the Spirit of Jesus living IN you?

Context: John 14:1-14 The night before Jesus went to the cross he began to teach his disciples they would need to go from *following* him to being *filled* with him...from *imitation* to *impartation*...from *education* to *experience*...from *belief* to *baptism*...from the Spirit being *with* them to being *in* them.

A. Jesus’ Divinity Revealed – John 14:1-14

1. **“Divine Source”** - “I am the way, truth, life. 14:6
2. **“Divine Identity”** – I, and Father are one. You’ve seen me you’ve seen the Father. 14:10-11
3. **“Divine Unity”** - Jesus says he is IN the Father and the Father is IN him. 14:11
4. **“Divine Resource”** – Ask anything in my name so the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14:13

B. The Holy Spirit’s Divinity Revealed: John 14:16-17

1. **“Paraklete”** (Greek) – “counselor, comforter, helper, legal advocate, one who comes to alongside you, to help and strengthen.

- a. **“another”** helper – recreating the person, and work of Jesus. Vs. 16
 - b. **Jesus IN them** – is now WITH you, but will be IN you by the Holy Spirit! Vs. 17
2. **“Spirit of Truth”** – Recreating Jesus as the way, truth and life in us.

C. The Divine Gift: *“The Father will give the GIFT of Holy Spirit to all who ASK.”* Luke 11:13 **ASK!**

D. The Divine Conditions: *“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”* Vs. 15, 21, 23,

1. **Love the Savior** – respond to God’s love in Christ!
2. **Obey the King** - love God & love your neighbor!
 - a. Jesus submitted to Father’s will. Vs. 31
 - b. Repent and Receive

Acts 2:38 *Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* ³⁹*The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

Key: *Jesus knew we could not LOVE, OBEY or LIVE out His MISSION without His Spirit.*

* **IN – timacy with God** – knowing God by sharing personally the inner most nature of Jesus, and communicating with Him.

Response: *How will your life change knowing that you can ASK for the Father to release everything you need by his Holy Spirit living IN you?* Begin now!