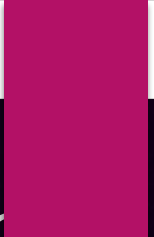




# The Christian Abides

1 JOHN 2:3-6

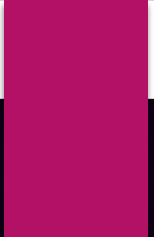




MY LITTLE CHILDREN, I AM WRITING THESE THINGS TO YOU  
SO THAT YOU MAY NOT SIN. AND IF ANYONE SINS, WE  
HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE  
RIGHTEOUS; AND HE HIMSELF IS THE PROPITIATION FOR  
OUR SINS; AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT  
ALSO FOR *THOSE* OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

1 JOHN 2:1-2





BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. THE ONE WHO SAYS, "I HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM," AND DOES NOT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM; BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN HIM THE LOVE OF GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED. BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ARE IN HIM: THE ONE WHO SAYS HE ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF TO WALK IN THE SAME MANNER AS HE WALKED.

1 JOHN 2:3-6





# THE BIG IDEA

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE CALLED TO ABIDE IN HIM, STRIVING TO WALK AS CHRIST WALKED IN STARK DIFFERENCE FROM THE WORLD, WHICH BRINGS US ASSURANCE AS OUR FAITH GROWS.



# JOHN GROUNDWORK

JOHN - THE DISCIPLE THAT LOVED JESUS, ONE OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES, YOUNGEST  
JOHN IS BELIEVED TO LONGEST LIVING AND LAST APOSTLE TO DIE

ONE OF THE SON'S OF THUNDER "BOANERGES" –  
WANTED TO CALL DOWN HEAVENLY FIRE ON AN UNHOSPITABLE SAMARITAN TOWN

COMPOSED GOSPEL OF JOHN, 3 EPISTLES, REVELATION



# 1 JOHN GROUNDWORK

1 JOHN WAS WRITTEN TO EARLY CHURCH JEWISH BELIEVERS THAT WERE FIGHTING OVER Gnostic issues (CHRIST ONLY SPIRITUAL, NOT PHYSICAL)

CHAPTER MARKS ARE MODERN

MULTIPLE DICHOTOMOUS ARGUMENTS. (WITH ME/AGAINST ME)



# THE CHRISTIAN ABIDES

- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE KEEPING  
OF COMMANDMENTS (V. 3)





BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF  
WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

1 JOHN 2:3



- 
- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF COMMANDMENTS
    - WE CAN KNOW





BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF  
WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

1 JOHN 2:3





BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF  
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1 JOHN 2:3

GINOSKO HERE IS IN PERFECT TENSE

– POINTING TOWARD A PAST EXPERIENCE WITH ONGOING RESULTS



## WE CAN KNOW

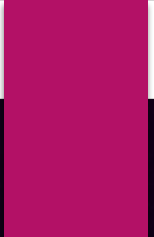
**KNOW – GINOSKO – COULD DESCRIBE ABIDING**

THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD WHICH AS SUCH WOULD NOT ALSO BE 'KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS'.

IT IS A CHARACTERISTIC OR CONSEQUENCE OF THAT KNOWLEDGE-  
RUDOLF BULTMANN

**OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS DYNAMIC AND  
GROWING**





IF PERHAPS GOD MAY GRANT THEM REPENTANCE LEADING TO THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, AND THEY MAY COME TO THEIR  
SENSES *AND ESCAPE* FROM THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL, HAVING  
BEEN HELD CAPTIVE BY HIM TO DO HIS WILL.

**2 TIMOTHY 2:25B-26**



## WE CAN KNOW

- “THERE IS A “CIRCULAR” RELATION BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND OBEDIENCE IN SCRIPTURE.”
- “KNOWLEDGE AND OBEDIENCE ARE GIVEN TO US, SIMULTANEOUSLY, BY GOD”
- “HE USES OUR OBEDIENCE AS A MEANS OF GIVING US KNOWLEDGE AND VICE VERSA”

JOHN FRAME



- 
- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF COMMANDMENTS
    - WE CAN KNOW
    - WHAT COMMANDS?



## WHICH COMMANDS?

I WAS VERY GLAD TO FIND SOME OF YOUR CHILDREN WALKING IN TRUTH, JUST AS WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMANDMENT TO DO FROM THE FATHER. NOW I ASK YOU, LADY, NOT AS THOUGH I WERE WRITING TO YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, BUT THE ONE WHICH WE HAVE HAD FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AND THIS IS LOVE, THAT WE WALK ACCORDING TO HIS COMMANDMENTS. THIS IS THE COMMANDMENT, JUST AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT YOU SHOULD WALK IN IT.



LIGHT/DARK

THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE HAVE HEARD FROM HIM AND  
ANNOUNCE TO YOU, THAT GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM  
THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

1 JOHN 1:5



WHAT MESSAGE? TO WHOM?

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM  
AND *YET* WALK IN THE DARKNESS, WE LIE AND DO NOT  
PRACTICE THE TRUTH;

1 JOHN 1:6



WHAT MESSAGE? TO WHOM?

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NO SIN, WE ARE DECEIVING  
OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US.

1 JOHN 1:8



WHAT MESSAGE? TO WHOM?

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SINNED, WE MAKE HIM A  
LIAR AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US.

1 JOHN 1:10





WHAT MESSAGE? TO WHOM?

THE ONE WHO SAYS HE IS IN THE LIGHT AND *YET* HATES HIS BROTHER  
IS IN THE DARKNESS UNTIL NOW. THE ONE WHO LOVES HIS BROTHER  
ABIDES IN THE LIGHT AND THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR STUMBLING IN  
HIM.

**1 JOHN 2:9-10**



## WORLDLY PASSIONS

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD NOR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH AND THE LUST OF THE EYES AND THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE, IS NOT FROM THE FATHER, BUT IS FROM THE WORLD. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY, AND ALSO ITS LUSTS; BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD LIVES FOREVER.

1 JOHN 2:15-17



# CHRIST TALKING COMMANDMENTS

“TEACHER, WHICH IS THE GREAT COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?” AND HE SAID TO HIM, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ THIS IS THE GREAT AND FOREMOST COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.”

**MATTHEW 22: 36-39**



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- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF COMMANDMENTS

- **WE CAN DERIVE ASSURANCE THAT IS BUILT ON THE WORK OF CHRIST.**
- **THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIFE IS THE WORK OF CHRIST**
- **BEARING FRUIT BRINGS ASSURANCE**
- **A DEAD PLANT BEARS NO FRUIT**



# THE CHRISTIAN ABIDES

- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE **KEEPING OF COMMANDMENTS** (V. 3)
- ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS (V.4-5B)



CLEAR STATEMENT, BUT...

THE ONE WHO SAYS, "I HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM," AND DOES NOT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM; BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN HIM THE LOVE OF GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

**1 JOHN 2:4-5A**



# ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS

- **'THE LOVE OF GOD**



# 'THE LOVE OF GOD'

- GOD'S LOVE TOWARD US
- OUR LOVE FOR GOD
- GOD'S TYPE OF LOVE



## 'THE LOVE OF GOD INTERPRETATION OPTIONS

BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN HIM...

GOD'S LOVE TOWARD US HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

OUR LOVE FOR GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

GOD'S TYPE OF LOVE HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.



## 'THE LOVE OF GOD INTERPRETATION OPTIONS

BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN A KEEPER OF HIS WORD...

OUR LOVE FOR GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.





BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN A KEEPER OF HIS WORD...

OUR LOVE FOR GOD HAS TRULY BEEN  
PERFECTED

FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS  
COMMANDMENTS; AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT  
BURDENSOME.



# ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS

- **'THE LOVE OF GOD'**
- **TWO PATHS - UNKEPT COMMANDMENTS,  
KEPT WORD.**





THE ONE WHO SAYS, "I HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM," AND  
DOES NOT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR, AND THE  
TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM; BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN  
HIM THE LOVE OF GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

**1 JOHN 2:4-5A**



# TWO PATHS - UNKEPT COMMANDMENTS, KEPT WORD.

DOES NOT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS AND THE TRUTH  
IS NOT IN HIM

ENTOLE - COMMAND/PRECEPT

WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN HIM THE LOVE OF  
GOD HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED

LOGOS - WORD



LOGOS

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD  
WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

JOHN 1:1





NOT ALL ENTER

“NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, ‘LORD, LORD,’ WILL  
ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE  
WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN *WILL ENTER*

**MATTHEW 7:21**



## CHRIST PERFECTED THE LAW

“DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH BUT TO FULFILL.

**MATTHEW 6:17**

CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW, AND SHOWS US HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT IS TO KEEP THE LAW. HE SERVES AS PROPITIATION AND ACTS AS THE ADVOCATE FOR BELIEVERS.



## TWO PATHS

LITTLE CHILDREN, MAKE SURE NO ONE DECEIVES YOU; THE  
ONE WHO PRACTICES RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIGHTEOUS, JUST  
AS HE IS RIGHTEOUS;

1 JOHN 3:7



## TWO PATHS

BY THIS THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND THE CHILDREN OF THE  
DEVIL ARE OBVIOUS: ANYONE WHO DOES NOT PRACTICE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT OF GOD, NOR THE ONE  
WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER.

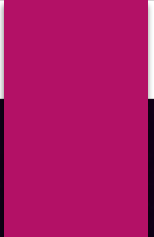
1JOHN 3:10



# ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS

- **'THE LOVE OF GOD'**
- **TWO PATHS - UNKEPT COMMANDMENTS,  
KEPT WORD.**
- **PERFECTION ISN'T PERFECT**





BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, IN HIM THE LOVE OF GOD  
HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

**1 JOHN 2:4-5A**



# PERFECTION ISN'T PERFECT

BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, OUR LOVE FOR GOD  
HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

- IDEA OF COMPLETION OF A GOAL, MATURING
  - REALIZING HIS LOVE
  - MATURING IN YOUR LOVE FOR HIM
  - WHEN YOU SHARE GOD'S LOVE - HOLDRIDGE



# PERFECTION ISN'T PERFECT

BUT WHOEVER KEEPS HIS WORD, OUR LOVE FOR GOD  
HAS TRULY BEEN PERFECTED.

- IDEA OF COMPLETION OF A GOAL
- PERFECTION IS NOT INCOMPATIBLE FURTHER  
PROGRESS AND GROWTH - MARSHALL



# ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS

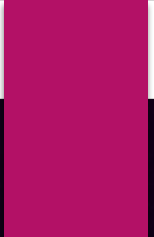
- **JOHN MAKES A CLEAR OUR WORDS WHILE NOT MEANINGLESS, ARE NOT THE PRIMARY INDICATOR OF WHERE OUR HEART LIES.**
- **SEEKING TO MATURE IN OUR 'LOVE OF GOD' AND DESIRING HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN ASSURANCE**



# THE CHRISTIAN ABIDES

- ASSURANCE IS WOVEN INTO THE **KEEPING OF COMMANDMENTS** (V. 3)
- ACTIONS **SPEAK LOUDER** THAN WORDS (V.4-5B)
- ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH(V 5B-6)





BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ARE IN HIM: THE ONE WHO  
SAYS HE ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF TO WALK IN THE  
SAME MANNER AS HE WALKED.

**1 JOHN 2:5B-6**



# ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH

- **THE MEANING OF ABIDE**

TO REMAIN STABLE OR FIXED IN A STATE

TO CONTINUE IN A PLACE : **SOJOURN**

TO BEAR PATIENTLY : **TOLERATE**

TO ENDURE WITHOUT YIELDING : **WITHSTAND**

**MERRIAM-WEBSTER**



<sup>4</sup> ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR  
FRUIT OF ITSELF UNLESS IT **Remains** IN THE VINE, SO NEITHER CAN YOU  
UNLESS YOU **Remain** IN ME. <sup>5</sup> I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES;  
HE WHO **Remains** IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR  
APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. <sup>6</sup> IF ANYONE DOES NOT  
**Remain** IN ME, HE IS THROWN AWAY AS A BRANCH AND DRIES UP;  
AND THEY GATHER THEM, AND CAST THEM INTO THE FIRE AND THEY  
ARE BURNED.

**JOHN 15:4-6**



# THE MEANING OF ABIDE

REMAIN – SOJOURN -KNIT TO HIM BY SPIRIT

BOUGHT HIMSELF TO WALK – SHORT WALKS IN GROWTH

ABIDING PRODUCES FRUIT





WHAT USE IS IT, MY BRETHREN, IF SOMEONE SAYS HE HAS FAITH BUT  
HE HAS NO WORKS? CAN THAT FAITH SAVE HIM?

EVEN SO FAITH, IF IT HAS NO WORKS, IS DEAD, *BEING* BY ITSELF.

**JAMES 2:14,17**



## REBUKING THE ANTINOMIANS

WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? ARE WE TO CONTINUE IN SIN  
SO THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE? MAY IT NEVER BE! HOW  
SHALL WE WHO DIED TO SIN STILL LIVE IN IT?

**ROMANS 6:1-2**



## REBUKING THE ANTINOMIANS

THEREFORE DO NOT LET SIN REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY SO THAT YOU OBEY ITS LUSTS, AND DO NOT GO ON PRESENTING THE MEMBERS OF YOUR BODY TO SIN AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS; BUT PRESENT YOURSELVES TO GOD AS THOSE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD, AND YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO GOD. FOR SIN SHALL NOT BE MASTER OVER YOU, FOR YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE.

**ROMANS 6:12-14**



# ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH

- **THE MEANING OF ABIDE**
- **WHO DOESN'T ABIDE**



## THE NONBELIEVER

YOU DO NOT HAVE HIS WORD ABIDING IN YOU, FOR YOU  
DO NOT BELIEVE HIM WHOM HE SENT.

JOHN 5:38



## THE LICENTIOUS

FOR CERTAIN PERSONS HAVE CREPT IN UNNOTICED, THOSE WHO WERE LONG BEFOREHAND MARKED OUT FOR THIS CONDEMNATION, UNGODLY PERSONS WHO TURN THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LICENTIOUSNESS AND DENY OUR ONLY MASTER AND LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

**JUDE 1:4**



## THE UNRIGHTEOUS

FOR MEN WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF, LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTFUL,  
ARROGANT, REVILERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY,  
UNLOVING, IRRECONCILABLE, MALICIOUS GOSSIPS, WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL,  
BRUTAL, HATERS OF GOOD, TREACHEROUS, RECKLESS, CONCEITED, LOVERS  
OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, HOLDING TO A FORM OF  
GODLINESS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE DENIED ITS POWER; AVOID SUCH MEN AS  
THESE.

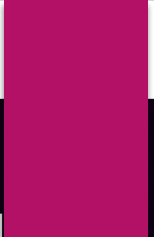
2 TIMOTHY 3:2-5



# ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH

- **THE MEANING OF ABIDE**
- **WHO DOESN'T ABIDE**
- **START ABIDING IN HIM;**  
**CONTINUE WALKING WITH HIM**





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. THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO  
YOU SO THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU,  
AND *THAT* YOUR JOY MAY BE MADE FULL.

**JOHN 15:10-11**





FOR THOSE THAT ARE WALKING

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR  
TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION,  
FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; SO THAT THE MAN OF  
GOD MAY BE ADEQUATE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD  
WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



# ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH

- **SPEND TIME IN SCRIPTURE**
- **FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS**
- **CULTIVATE YOUR PRAYER LIFE**



# ABIDING IN HIM **DEEPENS** OUR FAITH

- THE WORLD WON'T TEACH YOU GOD'S CHARACTER
- SOJOURNING ISN'T PASSIVE, THE WORLD IS NOT HOME
- GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET



# THE CHRISTIAN ABIDES

BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ARE IN HIM: THE ONE WHO SAYS HE ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF TO WALK IN THE SAME MANNER AS HE WALKED.

WE ARE ASSURED MORE AND MORE AS WE WALK WITH CHRIST AND ABIDE IN HIM!



## ABIDE IN HIM

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE *LIFE* WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

**GALATIANS 2:20**



# Questions to consider

- ▶ How is the world shaping my view of righteousness?  
Am I in the world or of the world?
- ▶ What 'commandments' or sins do I find most challenging to keep/avoid and why?
- ▶ How am I seeing the 'Love of God' perfected in my life?



# BENEDICTION

NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND  
PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT YOU WILL ABOUND IN  
HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ROMANS 15:13