

God's Plan for our Life

1 John 3:23,24

I. The Great Commandment – Faith and Love: God's will for our life is that we would trust in Christ for salvation and love one another (1 John 3:23).

A. *Believe in His Son's Name*

1. We must first place our faith in Christ – God's Son – to save us from our sin (1 John 5:11-13; John 3:16-18).

B. *Loving one another*

1. We who are believers have God's power to overcome our selfishness to love and serve others (John 7:38).

II. The Great Promise – Abiding in Christ: God promises close fellowship to those who obey Him (1 John 3:24).

A. Mutual "Abiding": Close fellowship with God comes from obeying Him (3:24a; John 15:1-11).

John 15 – What "Mutual Abiding" does

- The Promise
 - John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I will abide in you."
- The Results
 - **Effectiveness/Power in Ministry** – John 15:5
 - **Answered Prayer** – John 15:7
 - **Joy** – John 15:11

B. God "at Home" in us: We know that God abides in us through the Holy Spirit (3:24b).

- As we love and obey Christ, He is *at home* in us (John 14:23)