

## Why abiding in Christ is so important

John 15:6-11

Theme/Context: We can bear much spiritual fruit, but only if we abide in Christ (15:5).

- I. If we don't abide in Christ our life is worthless in its impact (John 15:6).
  - “Branches” = Believers who choose whether or not to abide in Christ (15:1-5)
  - “Abide” = Fellowship with Christ, not salvation.
  - “They will cast them” = The world has contempt for believers who don't display what it means to be Jesus' disciples (John 13:35, 15:8).
  
- II. If we abide in Christ, God answers our prayers so God will be glorified as we bear fruit as Christ's disciples (John 15:7-8).
  - God answers prayers of those who abide in Christ because then we ask for what Christ wants.
  
- III. If we abide in Christ, we will experience his love in a personal way (John 15:9-10).
  - We are loved by Christ like He loves the Father.
  - As we obey we experience God's love like Christ does.
  
- IV. If we abide in Christ, we will experience true joy through our relationship with him (John 15:11).