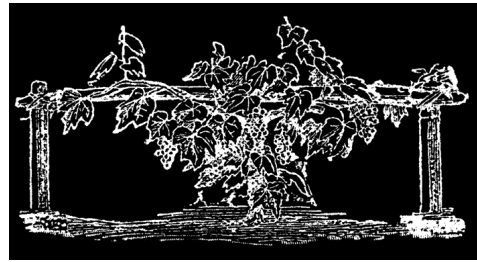


# Living Connections Bible Study



## Abide in Christ

### Prayer:

**Text:** John 15:1-7

**Icebreaker:** Jesus talked about the importance of staying connected with Him. What are some ways of staying connected to our life source in Jesus Christ?

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Can you share your experience when you have failed to do these things in your Christian walk? What happens?

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1. What does 1 John 2:28 say is the key to pleasing Christ and not being ashamed before Him when He comes.

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To *Abide in Christ* means I must stay vitally connected to Him who is the source of my spiritual life.

2. What are the benefits of staying connected to our life source in John 15:1-8

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3. What vital truths must we learn early in our Christian lives?  
John 15:5c; Romans 7:18; Philippians 4:13

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4. What wonderful promise of abiding in Christ do we find in 2 Corinthians 2:14, Romans 8:28?

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5. How does abiding in Christ affect our relationship with God?

Ephesians 1:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 2:10a, 1 Corinthians 1:30 \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Explain how abiding in Christ is the key to God's promises and blessings being available to us.  
Ephesians 1:3

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7. To whom were God's promises of salvation and blessing made?

Galatians 3:16; Genesis 22:18; 28:14

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8. How do salvation and the promises made to Christ become available to us?

Galatians 3:27-29

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There are many things that God says have become true about us because of our standing in Christ. We need to realize that, ***If God says that I am, then I am!***

9. Read the following verses and underline the things that God says have become true of you because of your relationship to Christ?

Colossians 2:10-13 *You are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.*

Colossians 3:1-3 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Romans 6:11 *Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:6-7 *Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.*

Romans 6:4 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Ephesians 2:5-6 *Even when we were dead in trespasses, God has made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the spiritual realm in Christ Jesus.*

10. What is the answer to the dilemma and question - *O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* Romans 7:24 and 25a

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**Think about it this week:**

**If God says that I am,  
then I am!**