



FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

“ABIDING”

WHAT IT IS NOT...

- Seasonal or Temporary “Holding-On”
- Maintaining Connection by Effort
- Behavior Modification

WHAT IT IS...

- μένω (meno) **Abide, Dwell, Remain**
- Relationship Over Routine
- Obedience and Fellowship
- The Purpose of Abiding is to Produce Spiritual “Fruit”

1 “I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you.

- John 15:1-11

μένω (meno) Abide, Remain

Vinedresser – Father

Vine – Jesus

Branches – His Disciples

Fruit – Spirit

Every Abiding Branch in Jesus, the Father..

Takes Away – “Lifts Up” & Prunes – “Trims”

- So that those branches will produce fruit!

We are cleaned by the Word Jesus spoke

Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."

- John 13:10

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

- John 15:1-

μένω (meno) Abide, Remain

Without Abiding in Jesus – The Branch Will NOT Produce Fruit!

What Fruit is Produced?

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. - Galatians 5:22-23

**Without Fruit –
The Branch is of No Use!**

7 If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

9 As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My Love.

10 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.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that My Joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

- John 15:1-

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My Love.

--- and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17

These things I have spoken to you, that My Joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

--- looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...

Hebrews 12:2

**We have become OK with being with
“Moses” – even though we can go to the
mountain ourselves!**

**We have become OK with producing fruit
for ourselves!**

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I
seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the
LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

- Psalm 27:4

The Focus is Abiding!