

# Abide in Me

John 15:4–5 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

**Why have people today lost their  
relationship with God?**

# Sin Has Separated Man from God

**Isaiah 59:2** “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”

**1 John 1:8–9** “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

# People Have Set Their Hearts on the World Instead of God

**1 John 2:15** “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**Matthew 6:24** “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

# Human Pride and Self-Sufficiency

**Psalm 10:4** “The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.”

# The Deception of Satan

**2 Corinthians 4:4** “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

# GOOD NEWS

**Romans 5:10** “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

**Ephesians 2:13** “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

**What blessings and results come from abiding in the Lord?**

The assurance of God's love and presence is the first blessing of a relationship with Him

**Hebrews 13:5** “For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”

**Romans 8:38–39** “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Inner peace is another fruit of a relationship with God—  
experiencing peace within even in times of crisis.

Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not  
as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be  
troubled, neither let it be afraid.” **John 14:27**

**Psalms 23:4** “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and  
Your staff, they comfort me.”

Enduring joy and hope are another fruit of a relationship with God.

**Psalm 16:11** “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

**Jeremiah 29:11** “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Finding purpose, meaning, and guidance in life is another result of a relationship with God.

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**Psalms 32:8** “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

## Spiritual Growth and Transformation of Character:

**Galatians 5:22–23** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

**John 15:5, 8** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”