

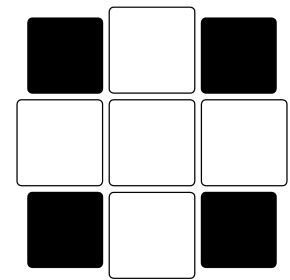
Abiding

Scripture: **1 John 2:21–25**

Series: **Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Corroborating Texts: John 15:1–11; John 17



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Overview

John encourages us to abide (keep to, stand by, live in light of) in the truth of the gospel. Simply, you must *keep the truth in yourself* and *keep yourself in the truth*.

Discussion Questions

1. Dangers include **false teachers** (v. 18) and **apostasy** (v. 19). Other dangers include **boredom**, **stagnancy**, and **complacency in our faith**. Do you agree that the latter three can be even more dangerous than the first two? What other dangers to our ability to abide in gospel truth, both scriptural and experiential can you think of?
2. Why is it important to know and be on the lookout for heresy? We tend to slip into these non-truths from time to time ourselves, but we aren't intentionally speaking against gospel truths. What are the dangers of heresy, and what value is there in knowing true doctrine?
3. How do we let the truth of the gospel abide in us?
4. The gospel itself is simple to recite. It's foundational. Why is it difficult for us to let it abide in our heart?
5. Joe mentioned four ways to hold the gospel close: **Read the Word of God**, **Pray**, **Worship**, and engage in **Christian fellowship**. How do these tie together? The concept of meeting together in Christian community throughout the week is not a new concept. Joe provided a Puritan example. What aspects of Christian fellowship could we work on individually and as a group? What encouragements do we see in our time together?
6. How is abiding in the truth tied (John 15:1–11) to Christ abiding in us?
7. Joe encouraged us to spend time in John 17 this week—reading about eternal life. What *is* eternal life? [knowing the eternal triune God]