

1 John Series

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“The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;”

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“but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:”

1 John 2:6,

“the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”

B. Abide

meno

In English “abide” means

- 1. To put up with; tolerate;**
- 2. To wait patiently for;**
- 3. To be in store for; await;**
- 4. To withstand.**

—intr.

- 1. To remain in a place;**
- 2. To continue to be sure or firm;
endure;**
- 3. To dwell or sojourn.**

John 6:56, “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”

1. Eating and drinking are nonmeritorious acts anyone can perform.

2. Eating and drinking mean to accept something; to appropriate something, in the initial act of salvation it refers to the initial act of accepting Christ as Savior, but in post-salvation it describes spiritual nourishment, feeding on the Word of God, the Logos of God, our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Eating and drinking are present active participles in v. 56 whereas the vrb *meno* is a pres act ind.

4. In John 6:53 eating and drinking are aor act subjunctives: the initial appropriation of eternal life.

John 6:53, “Jesus therefore said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.’ ”

5. John 6:56 uses present active participles to indicate continuous action.

Whoever continues to be nourished by me, stays in close relationship to me.

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6. Conclusion: If eating and drinking are the metaphor describing belief, then *meno* must mean something beyond initial saving faith. Therefore, faith cannot be equated to remaining.

7. Even though someone believes in Christ and currently maintains a close relationship with Him, the potential remains to discontinue the fellowship. If true belief prevented breaking fellowship there would be no need to command them to abide.

8. A believer remains in Christ's love by obeying commandments (John 15:9–10). If abide means to accept Christ as Savior, then salvation is by works.

9. Further if abide means to believe then Jesus' statement in John 15:5 would mean: "If you believe in Me, and I believe in you, you will bear much fruit" which is absurd.

1. Faith alone in Christ alone initiates salvation and we begin in fellowship with Him.

2. Fellowship can be broken by sin, recovery is through confession of sin (1 John 1:9).

3. Application of the New Commandment (John 13:34–35 with 1 John 2:10).

1 John 2:10, “The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”

4. Walking in dependence upon God the Holy Spirit following the precedent of the humanity of Jesus Christ (1 John 2:6).

1 John 2:6, “the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”

1 John 1:7, “but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Eph. 5:8, “for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.”

Gal. 5:16, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:25, “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by” the Spirit.

5. Having our minds saturated with Bible doctrine.

1 John 2:14, “I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 3:24, “And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”

6. Not departing from the doctrine taught from the beginning.

1 John 2:24, “As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

7. Publicly admit Christ as Savior.

1 John 4:15, “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

1 John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.”

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1 John 2:4, “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;”

1 John 3:17, “But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

1 John 2:5, “but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:”

John 10:38, “but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

John 14:10, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

John 14:11, “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

John 14:12, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me (*pisteuo eis*), the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

John 17:21, “that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

John 17:22, “And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;”

John 17:23, “I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.”

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ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

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**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”
“Abiding”**

1 Jn. 1:9

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