

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THE WORD "ABIDE" MEANS TO "LIVE IN". LIVING IN JESUS' LOVE AS JESUS LIVED IN THE FATHER'S LOVE , IS THE SECRET OF A BLESSED LIFE. YOU WILL DO NO WRONG. YOU WILL SAY NO WRONG. YOU WILL THINK NO WRONG. LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW. JOHN 15:9; "EVEN AS THE FATHER HATH LOVED ME, I ALSO HAVE LOVED YOU; ABIDE YE IN MY LOVE." WHAT A PLACE IN WHICH TO HIDE AWAY! WHAT A RETREAT FROM THE CONFUSION OF THE WORLD! WHAT A HOME! "IF YE KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE." THAT IS, "THAT IS,"IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER" AS JESUS LOVED, THEN YOU CAN HIDE AWAY IN THIS HOLY RETREAT. JESUS LIVED IN THE FATHERS' LOVE. WHAT A PLACE THIS IS,LIVING IN JESUS' LOVE. WHAT A BOLDNESS, WHAT FREEDOM,WHAT JOY! JOHN 5:11: "THESE THINGS HAVE I SPOKEN UNTO YOU, THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU, AND THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULFILLED."

HERE IS A BLESSED SECRET UNVEILED.....THAT JOY COMES FROM LOVING ONE ANOTHER, BUT THE FULLNESS OF JOY COMES FROM LIVING THIS LOVE LIFE. JOHN 15:12: "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." HOW UTTERLY RICH AND BIG LIFE BECOMES WHEN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER REACHES THE FLOOD-TIDE. FOR YEARS I WONDERED WHAT JESUS MEANT IN 1 JOHN 15:1-8, WHERE HE CLIMAXES WITH "HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES." THIS FRUIT THAT WE ARE TO BEAR IS LOVE FRUIT, THE MOST PRICELESS FRUIT KNOWN TO THE HUMAN HEART. HE PRUNES AND TRIMS US TO BEAR LOVE-FRUIT.....IN OTHER WORDS, TO REPRODUCE JESUS IN OUR DAILY LIVES; LETTING JESUS BE SEEN AND FELT IN OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

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