



“If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

Disciples Have the Joy of being Close to Jesus

“ ‘He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.’

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, ‘Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?’

Jesus answered and said unto him, ‘If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.’ ” —John 14:21-23

How does Jesus know that we love Him?

What is the promise that Jesus makes to those who love Him that ‘the world’ will not get to experience?

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” —John 15:7-11

There are several more promises found in the above verses for those who abide in Christ. According to John 15, what does it mean to abide in Christ?

What promises do you see for those who do abide in Christ?

Next week we will begin our study of the “Sermon on the Mount”, the largest single collection of the sayings of our Lord Jesus found in the Bible. As we begin and all throughout, let’s expect to be challenged and stretched, but also to see in our church the fulfillment of these wonderful promises given to those who obey: answers to prayer, bearing much fruit to the glory of God, and experiencing the joy of being close to Jesus!

Study for Next Week:

Matt 5:3-11 – Ecc 5:10 – Psa 16:11

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

