

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2012**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST**

Message Fifty

In John's Epistles

(2)

Our Abiding Place

Scripture Reading: John 15:4-5; 1 John 2:6, 24, 27-28; 3:24; 4:13, 15; 5:20

I. We may experience and enjoy Christ as our abiding place—1 John 2:24:

- A. To abide in Christ is to dwell in Him, to remain in fellowship with Him, that we may experience and enjoy His abiding in us—John 15:4-5; 1 John 2:27:
 - 1. To abide in Christ is to live in the Divine Trinity, taking Christ as our dwelling place—vv. 6, 24, 27-28; 3:6, 24; 4:13.
 - 2. To have Christ abiding in us is to have the Spirit of reality as the presence of the Triune God abiding in us—John 14:17.
- B. In Christ we have an abiding place, which is an eternal person, and in this abiding place we may enjoy the eternal life—1 John 2:24-25, 27; 5:11-13.

II. To be in Christ is to be one with Him organically—John 15:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17:

- A. When we are organically one with the Lord, He is our life and even becomes our nature—Col. 3:4, 11.
- B. God has put us in Christ once for all, and now we must bear the responsibility to abide in Him, living in fellowship with Him—1 Cor. 1:30; 1 John 2:6.

III. The anointing teaches us to abide in Christ—v. 27:

- A. The anointing is the moving and working of the indwelling, compound Spirit, who is typified by the compound ointment in Exodus 30:23-25.
- B. As we abide in Christ, we enjoy the divine anointing, which is a wonderful person, the Spirit, moving and working in us; as this anointing abides in us and teaches us, we abide in Him—1 John 2:27.
- C. The compound Spirit applies all the ingredients of the processed Triune God and His activities into our inner being so that we may be fully mingled with Him for His corporate expression—vv. 20, 27; cf. Eph. 4:4-6.
- D. The anointing, as the moving and working of the compound Spirit within us, anoints God into us so that we may be saturated with God, possess God, and understand the mind of God—1 John 2:27.
- E. The more we are anointed with the Triune God, the more the element of the Triune God is transfused into our being; through this anointing, the fibers of our being will be saturated with all that the processed Triune God is.
- F. The teaching of the anointing is not an outward teaching by words but an inward teaching by the anointing through our inner spiritual consciousness; as

God's element increases within us, we understand more of what God wants, and we are clearer about God's leading—vv. 17, 20, 27.

IV. A sign that we are abiding in the Lord is that we know God experientially in our daily life—vv. 5, 29; 3:7, 24; 4:7-8, 13; 5:20:

- A. We have God within us as our life and nature; eventually, this indwelling One will be expressed in our character and conduct—2:6, 10; 4:7, 11.
- B. We should all have the testimony in our life that we are in God; the sign that in our daily walk we are in God is an indication that we know God experientially—2:6; 5:20.

V. The Spirit—the all-inclusive compound life-giving Spirit—is the vital and crucial factor of our abiding in the Lord—3:24; 4:13:

- A. We abide in God by the Spirit of God—3:24b:
 - 1. The linking, the connection, between us and God is the Spirit; this “linking Spirit” is in our spirit—1 Cor. 6:17.
 - 2. When God abides in us, He abides in our spirit; when we abide in God, we abide in His Spirit—1 John 4:13, 15.
- B. The indwelling Spirit is the element and sphere of the mutual abiding, the mutual indwelling, of us and God; by the indwelling Spirit we are assured that we and God are one, that we abide in each other, indwelling each other mutually—3:24.
- C. We may know that we abide in God in that He has given to us of His Spirit—4:13:
 - 1. To abide in God is to dwell in Him, to remain in Him in our fellowship with Him, that we may experience His abiding in us; this is to practice our oneness with God according to the divine anointing by living a life that practices His righteousness and His love—3:9; 4:9, 11.
 - 2. This Spirit given by God who abides in us is the witness in our spirit, testifying that we abide in God and that God abides in us—3:24; 4:13.

VI. We can abide in Christ, making Him our dwelling place, and He can abide in us, making us His abode—John 15:4-5:

- A. The mutual abiding of Christ with the believers is a matter of mingling:
 - 1. We are mingled with Christ because He is the Spirit and we have a spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 2:11.
 - 2. These two spirits have been blended together to become the mingled spirit—6:17.
- B. To abide in Christ is to remain in the mingled spirit as our home—John 15:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17:
 - 1. Christ and we both make our home in the same place, the mingled spirit; this mingled spirit is a mutual abode—John 15:4-5.
 - 2. When we are at home with Christ in the mingled spirit, we are in the place prepared for us in the Father's house; we are in a high tower where the evil one cannot touch us; and we are with the King in His inner chambers, His practical Holy of Holies—14:2-3; 1 John 5:18; Prov. 18:10; S. S. 1:4.