

Prayer Focus

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2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (ESV) ¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his

power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. **See also Colossians 1:9-14.**

Pray that we would walk worthy of God's calling and fulfill His good pleasure.

Upcoming Events

Email info@agapepinson.com for more details.

This Week

- **Wed Sept 4th** at 6:30pm - GROW discipleship classes for men, women, youth, and children. *Please make plans to join us!*

Save the Date

- **Sun Sept 15th** after morning worship - Agape Family Meeting
- **Sun Set 22nd** - Breakfast @10am and Grocery Giveaway

Gospel Community Groups

Email GC@agapepinson.com for directions or more details.

Blount County GC: Sept 14th (5pm) and Sept 25th (6:30pm)

Pinson GC (Ledbetter): Sept 16th and Sept 25th at 6:30pm

Pinson GC (Dean): Sept 6th and Sept 20th at 7:00pm

Trussville GC (Cleveland): Sept 7th and Sept 20th at 6:00pm



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A reading from Philippians 2 (ESV): ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.



Sermon: Farewell pt 5: ABIDE - Jesus Series #56
John 15:1-16 || David McConnell

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

WHY we must abide in Christ (v1-8):

- Being fruitful is the _____ of God for your life. (v2)
- Fruitfulness _____ God and _____ you are in Christ. (v8)
- A fruitless branch is evidence of _____ deadness. (v6)
- A _____ will only bear fruit if it remains in the _____. (v5)

HOW we abide in Christ:

- To abide means to stay in _____ with Christ. (Jn 14:18-20)
 - Jesus invites us to remain in the same _____ He shares with His Father. (v9)
 - Jesus instructs his followers to _____ His commands as a pathway to abiding in His love. (v10,12)
- Abiding brings: _____ (v11) and _____ with God. (v14-15)

Life-Truth: Salvation is a _____ of God (Eph 2:8). Fruitfulness is a _____ of Christ, received through abiding (Eph 2:10, Jn 15:16). Abiding comes through _____ and _____ the words of Jesus (John 15:7,10, 12). We are _____ for our obedience, which occurs not by _____ strength but by the effective work of _____ in us (Phil 2:12-13).

Personal Notes on the Text: