

*Abide in my love*  
JOHN 15:9



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**John 15:9-17**

*<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

*Abide* is an ancient word not often used in daily conversation; yet in this week's Gospel, John 15:9-17 (as well as in last week's Gospel John 15:1-8), we are invited again and again to abide in Jesus Christ. What does it mean to "abide" in Christ as we "love one another?"

*Abide . . . to wait for*

1. *How do you wait for Christ, and what is the connection between waiting and abiding in Jesus?*

*Abide . . . to remain*

2. *What tempts you away from abiding in the love of Christ?*

*Abide . . . to accept without objective, to trust*

3. *Think about the connection between trust and abiding in Jesus.*

4. *How will you abide in Christ this week? How will such abiding bear fruit born out of love?*