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*Abiding*  
**in Christ**



**SRMC WOMEN'S**  
***Retreat***  
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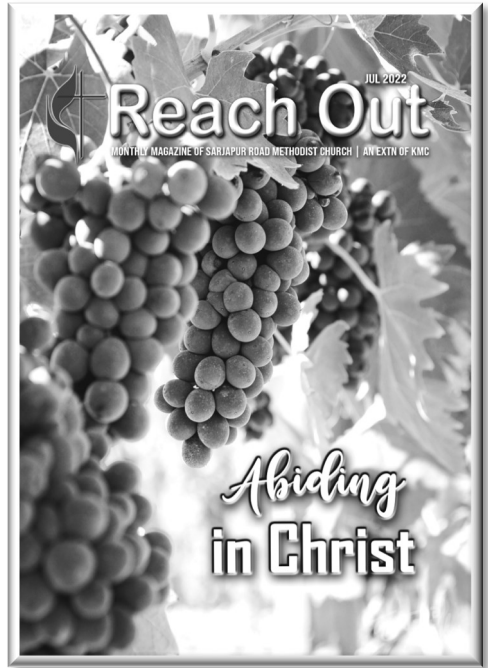
**SRMC Women's Fellowship  
ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED A  
HALF-DAY RETREAT ON 18 JUN, 2022,  
WITHIN THE CHURCH PREMISES.**

**Mrs. Shylaja Solomon  
WAS THE SPECIAL SPEAKER  
FOR THE EVENT.**



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### MISSION STATEMENT

"To be obedient, cheerful, compassionate, humble stewards of God's Word and resources, in utter dependence upon God through prayer, so that we as a congregation and those we reach out to, will experience transformation through the saving grace of God and grow as Christ-centered people, guided by the Holy Spirit."

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## PASTORAL LETTER



**D**ear SRMC Family,  
Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it brings me immense joy and pleasure in writing to you all through this newsletter. I hope and believe that all of us had wonderful month meditating on the topic **Rejoicing in the Lord,** last month. I trust that God has spoken to each one of us in our contexts. The word of God has encouraged to us to rejoice in Him irrespective of our situations. It also reminded us that God is in control of our lives. As I was praying for the topic of the month of July, I was inspired to think on the topic **"Abiding in Christ"**. John chapter 15:1-11 says, *"I am the true vine, and my father is the vinedresser..., these things I have spoke to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full."* The context around this passage is that, it is the last week of Jesus' ministry with the disciples before the crucifixion. Two chapters before this Jesus is washing the feet of the disciples as he is there with them at the Last supper. In John 14 Jesus is encouraging the disciples and sharing with them about the Father's house in which he will go and prepare a place for them. Thomas and Phillip ask Him 'how can we go' and 'how do we get there' and Jesus tells them He is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through him. Jesus also shares with the disciples about the Holy Spirit. He tells them that when He departs the Helper, the Holy Spirit will come to help guide and direct them.

As He shares all this instruction and information, He is encouraging the disciples and the very last time he is with them he starts giving them imperatives- things that are important to listen to. As we think about Jesus' last days with His disciples. What it is that Jesus wants to leave with them that is vitally important as they move forward in ministry through his crucifixion into his resurrection and then into his departure to be with the Father. Here in John 15 we see that He shares this imperative about abiding in Him- Abide in Christ.

The Greek word for abide is **meno**, which means, to stay, to remain, to be constant, to continue, So Jesus is saying to

continue in me and this is such an important aspect of their ministry that He shares this- abide- twelve times with these men. What is Christ communicating here? He is communicating that it is vitally important for them to continue in Christ, to remain and stay in Him. As we look at this passage, there are reasons why Jesus was stressing on this word 'abide'. It is because it is pretty much clear that in scriptures that these disciples had the tendency to drift, be distracted and to doubt. Much like us, we too struggle with those things and Jesus knows it. So Jesus is encouraging them through their doubts, distractions, and maybe even their discouragements stay in Him, to remain in Him.

So how do we abide in Christ as Jesus encouraged all followers of him to abide in Him? As we think of practical steps of how can as individual, family and church can do the first thing that comes to my mind is that

1. ***To be aware of our need for Christ:*** this is an important state where every Christian should come to the understanding that we are in desperate need of a saviour. We are to be aware of our sinfulness- not acutely but absolutely. Much like in Isaiah 6:5-7, Isaiah is completely aware of his brokenness and his need to be cleansed. There is also absolute awareness that we are all sinners and we all have fallen short of God's glory. Absolute awareness comes and moves us to a place of acknowledgement that we have sinful situation and we need a God-centered solution. We know that we can't do it on our own or work our way to heaven and no matter how hard we try we can't merit our salvation. We all need a saviour and that is Jesus Christ.
2. ***We are to believe that Jesus Christ can save us:*** it is to trust him wholeheartedly that Jesus can Save us. It is not a belief that is static event in life but it is a dynamic event. It is like waking up everyday morning and reminding ourselves that we need Him. Relying on the belief that Christ is the one who can take us through, He is not just Author but the perfecter of our faith. He is the one who sustains us and sanctifies us. Believing that He loves us, he cares for us and he is always who he is.

John 15:9 says, "*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.*" Christ talks about the love that is unchangeable, beautiful, intense and purposeful.

Romans 8:1 also says, "*there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*"

Jesus says in John 15:9b *“Abide in my love believe in it, trust in it, rest in it.”*

3. ***We are to inquire God’s word:*** John 15: 3 and 7 says, *“already you are clean because of the word that I have spoke to you (7) if you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you”*. The word is the truth and truth can set us free.
4. ***We are to depend on Christ:*** sometimes we tend to resource our own self, our own ability, we may forget that Christ calls us to resource Him. John 15:5 says, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* When we realize that we are nothing without Christ, we will be able to acknowledge our dependency on Christ.
5. ***We are to exercise our faith in Christ:*** this is external expression of faith in Christ. It affects the people around us, if we have this vertical relationship with Christ, we are going to have horizontal impact for Christ. Every time Jesus taught his disciples, he taught them to follow the commandments.

John 15:10 *“if you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept for Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”* Jesus is going before his disciples and showing them how to do it. He is always showing the example of how to do it. So Jesus calls all the believers to exercise their faith.

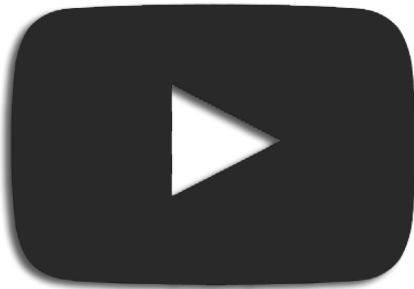
During the life of Jesus on earth, the word he used often is “follow me” when he was about to leave for heaven, he gave them a new word, in which more intimate and spiritual union is expressed “Abide in me.” It was in connection with the parable of the vine Jesus used this expression “Abide in me.” Simple, yet so rich in its teaching, gives us the best and most complete illustration of the meaning of Jesus’ command and the union to which he invites us.

As Christ invites us to abide in Him, it is right and appropriate for us to respond to this call to remain in Him and to be blessing to people around us. Many might be our worries; we may sometimes feel weak and hopeless. This parable encourages us to abide in him, with abiding in him we can do nothing. We cannot bear fruit. As some one said, sometimes we pray, ***“Lord, help me to live my life for you.”*** It would be better to pray, ***“Lord Jesus, Live our your life through me.”***

As individuals, families and church, we need to abide in him. As we abide in him and He in us, God will supply spiritual strength and resources. As our meditations revolve around this theme entire month, it is my prayer that our meditation will leads us to draw closer to Jesus and help us to be fruitful in our faith journeys.

May God bless us all!

Yours in Christ,  
***Rev. Alfred Sudarshan Raju***  
(Pastor, SRMC)



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# PRAISE & PRAYER

## *Praise God*

- ♦ Praise God for His grace, as we meditated on the theme **“Rejoicing in the Lord”** during the month of June.
- ♦ Praise God for the ministry of **Rev. James Jayakumar and Mr. Ashley C. Vinil**, for bringing the word of God unto us and also helping us participate in Holy Communion during the month of June.

## *Remember and Pray*

- ♦ Continue to pray for our Bishop N. L. Karkare, Madam Kamal Karkare, Executive Secretary Rev. David Nathaniel, Conference Treasurer, Rev. Mathew George M., District Superintendent Rev. Sebastian Ravikumar. Pray continuously for the Bangalore Regional Conference and that God's will be accomplished through the conference.
- ♦ Pray for our dear Pastor, Rev. Alfred Sudarshan Raju and his family. Also, kindly keep our extended Pastoral team & their families at KMC; Rev. Mathew George, Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen, Rev. John Shikamani and our Pastorate Committee members and their families in prayers.
- ♦ Pray for the SRMC Sunday School, children & teens ministry. Pray for wisdom and health for all teachers and volunteers, for the media team and for the technical challenges that are involved.
- ♦ Pray for all the families who have lost their dear ones to this disease, that God may give them strength to cope and hope to move ahead.
- ♦ Pray that God may raise people in the Church and outside, who can own the Project – **‘Arise, let us build’** and support in building up the place of worship at Sarjapur Road. Please pray for the right decisions to be taken going ahead.
- ♦ Pray for the Management Team of SRMC and their families as they help in various activities of the church.
- ♦ Pray for the Bible Study group, Worship team, Men's & Women's fellowships and all undertaken activities, Sunday School, Choir and all the volunteers who are striving hard to serve and raise resources for our Church.



- ♦ Pray for the sick, elders, widows and the poor, who need help in our church. Pray also for all the families that you remember at our Church.
- ♦ Pray that God may reveal His Plan for us in this locality and that the SRMC family may become a channel of blessing in this vicinity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PASTORAL CARE** is available through the Church, you can avail the services by speaking to the Pastor personally.
- **REACH OUT** is the in-house magazine of SRMC and you are welcome to contribute your stories, missionary stories, testimonies, activity pages for children and other articles. You also have the opportunity to suggest the theme for the next Month and related resources.
- **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meetings are held every last Sunday of the month, as well as daily **Chain Prayers** are held daily thrice via Zoom. **Women's Bible Study** is scheduled for **Fridays at 7 pm**. Please contact the women's fellowship members for more details and Zoom meeting IDs.
- **Women's Fellowship** is also conducting a **Food Sale** on **3rd July, 2022**. Kindly participate wholeheartedly.
- **Church Bible Study** is scheduled for every Thursday, at 7 pm, via Zoom. Pastor will be leading us in the Bible Study.
- **SRMC Sunday School** is held in the Church premises, every Sunday during the Sunday Worship Service. Please encourage your children to attend the services prayerfully for a blessed time of growing in the Word.
- Project – '**Arise, let us build**' contributions can be made through our website ([www.srmcblr.org](http://www.srmcblr.org)) as well.
- **Humble request:** Please be consistent in your attendance to the Church—either for the **live service in Church**, or via the **Live Stream** of the service on our website, every Sunday. This will help you to grow spiritually and it will also help the Church to grow both Spiritually and Missionally.

# HYMN HISTORY

[ARTICLE BY DR. C MICHAEL HAWN]

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

With this hymn comes one of the most heartrending stories in the annals of hymnody.

The author, **Horatio G. Spafford** (1828-1888), was a Presbyterian layman from Chicago. He had established a very successful legal practice as a young businessman and was also a devout Christian. Among his close friends were several evangelists including the famous Dwight L. Moody, also from Chicago.

Spafford's fortune evaporated in the wake of the great Chicago Fire of 1871. Having invested heavily in real estate along Lake Michigan's shoreline, he lost everything overnight. In a saga reminiscent of Job, his son died a short time before his financial disaster. But the worst was yet to come.

Hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck tells the story: "Desiring a rest for his wife and four daughters as well as wishing to join and assist Moody and [his musician Ira] Sankey in one of their campaigns in Great Britain, Spafford planned a European trip for his family in 1873. In November of that year, due to unexpected last-minute business developments, he had to remain in Chicago, but sent his wife and four daughters on ahead as scheduled on the S.S. Ville du Havre. He expected to follow in a few days.

"On November 22 the ship was struck by the Lochearn, an English vessel, and sank in twelve minutes. Several days later the survivors were finally landed at Cardiff, Wales, and Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, 'Saved alone.'" Spafford left immediately to join his wife. This hymn is said to have been penned as he approached the area of the ocean thought to be where the ship carrying his daughters had sunk.

Another daughter, Bertha, was born in 1878 as well as a son, Horatio, in 1880, though he later died of scarlet fever. After the birth of daughter Grace in 1881, Spafford and his wife moved to Jerusalem out of a deep interest in the Holy Land. There they established the American Colony, a Christian utopian society engaged in philanthropic activities among Jews, Muslims and Christians.

After decades of benevolent activities, the Colony ceased to be a communal society in the 1950s, though it continued in a second life as the American Colony Hotel, the first home of the talks between Palestine and Israel that eventually led to the 1983 Oslo Peace Accords.

On a personal note, this was a hymn often sung on Sunday evenings in my congregation as I was growing up. Its somber and peaceful music, written by gospel songwriter Philip Bliss (1838-1876) and named after the ship that carried Spafford's daughters to their death, was spell-binding to a young boy. Yet I had difficulties identifying with the text in many ways.

The hymn came to life for me in the summer of 1981. I had taken a group of youth to Chicago to work in an inner-city church that housed several congregations of immigrant groups. I chose to attend the Vietnamese service, which I was told consisted of refugees from the Vietnam War—the famous Boat People who had fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975. I hadn't been back to the Chicago area since I had graduated from a college in a nearby suburb in 1970. During my time in college, the draft was reinstated, protests of the Vietnam War were numerous and the riots surrounding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in the city were infamous. Returning to Chicago 11 years later, the memories of the Vietnam War were fresh on my mind.

As the Vietnamese congregation gathered to worship, they sang the same song every Sunday to begin their worship, "It Is Well with My Soul." I didn't need the words in English as I had memorized them as a boy. I was amazed at how closely this text, written over 100 years earlier, coincided with the struggles of these immigrants as they fled a hostile Vietnam in frail ships, miraculously arriving in Australia and other places. As the Vietnamese congregation, now residing in Spafford's hometown of Chicago, sang the final stanza, I understood the power of a hymn to transcend time and culture to address human tragedy with assurance. Though the hymn begins with loss, it ends in eschatological hope for the day when "faith shall be sight."

In August 1881, the Spaffords went to Jerusalem as a party of 13 adults and three children to set up the American Colony. Colony members, joined by Swedish Christians, engaged in philanthropic work among the people of Jerusalem regardless of their religious affiliation and without proselytizing motives, gaining the trust of the local Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities. The community required both single and married adherents to declare celibacy, and children were separated from their parents. Child labor was used in various business endeavors while in Jerusalem.

Four days before his 60th birthday, Spafford died of malaria on October 16, 1888, and was buried in Mount Zion Cemetery in Jerusalem.

# THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

**T**he metaphor of vine and branches begins with the blessing of relationship with Jesus and through him with the Father ([John 15:1](#)). “As the father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love” ([John 15:9](#)). Yet the outcome of this love is not passive bliss but productive labor, metaphorically expressed as bearing fruit. “Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit” ([John 15:5](#)). The God who produced the universe wants his people to be productive too. “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit” ([John 15:8](#)). Our ability to do work that makes a lasting difference in the world is a great gift from God. “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” ([John 15:16](#)). The promise of effectiveness echoes Jesus’ promise earlier, that “the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these” ([John 14:12](#)).



The fruit borne by Jesus’ followers is sometimes taken to refer to converts to Christianity. “Greater works than these” would then mean “more converts than I myself made.” For those called to evangelism, this is certainly true. If Jesus is speaking in this passage only to the apostles—appointed as they were to preach the good news—in this passage, then perhaps fruit refers only to converts. But if he is speaking to believers in general, then fruit must refer to the whole range of work to which believers are called. Since the entire world was created through him, “the works that I do” include every imaginable kind of good work. For us to do “greater works” than heretofore seen could mean designing better software, feeding more people, educating wiser students, improving the effectiveness of organizations, increasing customer satisfaction, employing capital more productively, and governing nations more justly. The value of bearing fruit does not lie in whether we work in business, government, health care, education, religion, or any other field. The value lies in whether our work serves people’s needs. “I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another” ([John 15:17](#)). Service is the active form of love.

**- Bible Commentary (TOW Project)**

# A STUDY

## CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH AND LIFE

### (Series - 11)

**B**y the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we completed the study of Christian understanding of death. From this series onwards, we shall start the study of Christian Understanding of Life.

#### ***Introduction - Life***

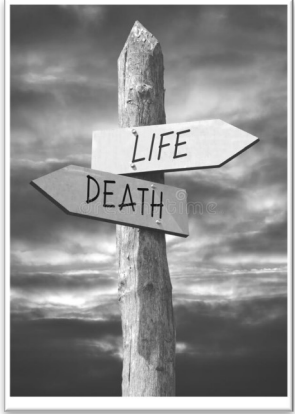
What if Life? The state of organism preceding their death, characterized by biological processes such as metabolism and reproduction and distinguishing them from inanimate objects; the state of being alive and living.

God was interested in giving life to this world. He gave life to it by creating plants, animals, man and made everything moving. Even today he has been the life giver. Life is dynamic, unfortunately we find life getting stuck and static. Gods' original intention was to give life out of death and asking us to replenish, Bible says in Gen 1:28 "Be fruitful and multiply". He gave Life for His glory. He purposed it through the strategic plan. We are no more unplanned. He set everything right at the beginning. The world may not know him and realize his plan and purpose, but we Christians lead the life with faith.

There are two life which bible talks about namely, Earthly (natural life) and Eternal life. We are reminded to accept that we live in the fallen world and there are many traps and hurdles which prevent us from moving as we desire.

That's where Faith comes into picture in Christian Life. Christian life is one of faith from beginning to end. Bible says ...Saved by faith (Eph 2:8); Our Leader - Author of Faith (Heb 12:1,2); Our company/Church: Family of faith (Gal 6:10), Our lifeline: Spirit of faith (2 Cor 4:13), Our message: Word of faith (Rom 10:8), Our prayer: Prayer of faith (Js 5:15), Our converts (fruits): Children of faith e.g., Timothy— My son in faith (1 Tim 1:2), Our warfare: Fight of faith (1 Tim 6:12) That's why the Bible says, "The just shall live by faith!" Christian Life is a good fight of Faith. Christian life is not walked by the external evidences but by internal conviction.

Our spiritual warfare is against the archenemy of God; as such there must be nothing in our life that displeases God or pleases Satan! There



are two names given to the armor of God.

### ***a) Armor of Light***

Rom 13:12-14 ... not revelry ... licentiousness; Compare Eph 5:11 ... works of darkness. Demons are rulers of darkness (Eph 6:12)

### ***b) Armor of Righteousness***

2 Cor 6:7 ... “on the right hand and on the left” i.e., an all-out righteousness; Unrighteousness opposed to God’s Kingdom

(1 Cor 6:9) No compromise between righteousness and unrighteousness (2 Cor 6:14) We may talk about the belt, breastplate, shield, sword, shoes, etc... But these are effective only to the extent we walk in the light and in righteousness. Unfortunately, in the Spiritual Warfare Seminars, there’s more talk on “power” than on “purity” This gives the devil an advantage.

#### *a) What is a life in the light?*

Walking in transparency before God (1 Jn 1:7-9)

When we cover our sins, Satan can accuse us before God. When we open them up before God, He covers them by Christ’s blood. Satan cannot then accuse us!

#### *b) What is a life of righteousness?*

Not sinlessness, but submission to God. Rom 10:3 ... ignorant of God’s righteousness

... not submitted to it ... Satan opposes exercises unto godliness (Zech 3:1-5)

- See how righteous living leads to victory —
- Js 4:7 ... submit to God ... resist the devil
- Rom 16:19,20 ... your obedience ... crush Satan
- Ps 81:13,14 ... My people ... listen to Me ... subdue enemies
- Mt 8:8,9 ... Centurion ... authority ... Word

But Acts 19:13,16... 7 sons of Scava the High Priest — Religion but no righteousness The devil cannot disobey a man who does not disobey God! Therefore, the devil could not ever disobey Jesus! The testimony of Jesus: Jn 14:30 ... he has nothing in Me ...

Satan takes advantage (foothold) of us  
if we harbor/give place to —

- Anger [Eph 4:26,27 ... angry ... give place to devil...]
- Unforgiveness [2 Cor 2:10,11, forgive, lest Satan takes advantage]



- Worries

1 Pet 5:7-9 ... cares ... adversary the devil ...

The devil is a “thief ” (Jn 10:10) He comes to “steal” our holiness, “kill” our godliness, and “destroy” our righteousness. Be vigilant to overcome his temptations.

A hymn by H.R. Palmer (1834-1907):

*Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin,  
Each victory will help you some other to win;  
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,  
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through!*

The Life on the earth has shortness. Bible often relates it to dream (Job 20:8), Shadow (I Chr 29:15), Cloud (Job 7:9), Flower (Job 14:1,2), Vapor (James 4:14), Sleep (Ps 90:5), Sigh (Ps 90:9), Pilgrimage (Gen 47:9), Grass (1 Pet 1:24). But it does not mean that God has no concern on it.

Believers attitude towards Life should be

1. Seeks to preserve it
2. Attends to needs of
3. Accepts suffering of
4. Makes God’s Kingdom first in
5. Gives it up for Christ
6. Lays it down for to others
7. Prizes it not too highly
8. Puts Jesus first in
9. Regards God’s Will in
10. Puts away the evil of
11. Does not run with
12. Praises God all the days of
13. Does not fear enemies of

If God willing, we shall get into the details of each attitudes listed above, God’s Concern on Life, how does he care for the Life of the human beings in the forthcoming series. Until then Peace be with you.

***Series written by Mr. Sam Daniel***  
*(to be continued)*

## ABIDING IN CHRIST

**C**hristianity is about far more than holding right beliefs or adopting right behaviors. At salvation, we enter into a union with God that changes our legal status. We have right standing with God now. We have a righteousness that comes by faith, and that faith justifies us (Philippians 3:7-9; Romans 3:21-26, 5:1).

But we have more. We also have communion with God. We have access to a life-giving, soul-thrilling, joy-producing communion with God through Christ (1 John 1:3; John 15:11). The Christian faith is about union and communion with Jesus.

Union with Christ without communion with Christ is joyless Christianity. Our hearts should desire this intimate relationship. We should long for this fellowship with God. David reflects this posture when he prays, “O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water” (Psalm 63:1). David earnestly seeks God. His soul thirsts for God. There is desperation. There is urgency. Oh, to have a heart that echoes his!

Do we seek God like this? Do we desire God in this manner? Is there any part of David’s cry that you recognize in your heart?

### ***Jesus Invites You to Abide***

In John’s Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about this communion. He informs them that he has already made them clean (John 15:3), and has pronounced them clean during the upper room foot washing (John 13:10-11). This ceremony wasn’t pointing to Jesus’ hyper-aversion to dirty feet; it was a symbolic display of his incarnation, atoning sacrifice, resurrection, and ascension. This is why he declared them clean, with the exception of Judas (a clear indication dirty feet was not the idea).

Jesus says this hours before going to the cross to bear their sins and make them clean. So Jesus’ declaration in John 15:3 is a statement of legal status. He follows this with the command “abide in me, and I in you” (John 15:4). To “abide” is a verb. It is active. Abiding in Christ is not a feeling or a belief, but something we do. It means to “remain” or “stay” and entails far more than the idea of continued belief in the Savior. John 15:5 further illustrates this abiding relationship with a parallel relationship of a vine and a branch. We (the branches) are to be connected to him (the Vine) for our life and sustenance. Only in him can we bear fruit.

## ***Three Keys to Abiding***

Abiding has a continual, hour-by-hour nature to it, a constant looking to Jesus through the Scriptures. If we could avoid gospel-amnesia and remember his grace, we could barely stand an hour's absence from him. These saints give incredible definitions to help us grasp abiding in Christ. Here's mine:

To abide in Christ daily requires dependence upon the Holy Spirit in which we do three things:

1. Walk by faith
2. Spend focused time
3. Engage in intentional actions

We daily preach the gospel to ourselves (walk by faith); plan to abide throughout our days (focused time); and read Scripture, pray, live in community with others, and fight sin (intentional actions). We do this as we live dependent upon the Holy Spirit to bring us closer to Christ.

To be “in Christ” means to have a new legal standing and a new relational orientation. We do not solely want to be made right with God—we want to be with God. We are new creations in Christ, freed from sin and worldly pursuits to abide in him. And he gives us what we need to pursue this by giving us himself.

Are you eager to say with David, “Earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you?” May the Holy Spirit spark in us a want for more of Christ. May we yearn with holy urgency to know the depths and riches of the love of Christ, grasped through abiding.

***John Piper sermon “The New Commandment of Christ”***



# BIBLE WORD SEARCH!



## Places in the Bible Word Search



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## ***KINDLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SRMC:***

**Sunday Worship Service**

**9 am, every Sunday**

**SRMC Sunday School**

**10 am, every Sunday**

**SRMC Bible Study**

**7 pm, every Thursday**

**SRMC Women's Bible Study**

**Every Wednesday**

**SRMC Women's Fellowship Meeting**

**6:30 pm, every Last Sunday**

**SRMC Management Team meeting**

**7:30 pm, every Last Sunday**

**SRMC Men's Fellowship**

**6:30 pm, every 2nd Sunday**

**SRMC Worship Team Practice**

**4 pm, every Saturday**



**WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF SMALL GROUPS, CLUSTERED BASED ON LOCATIONS,  
WHERE WE CAN LEARN, BUILD AND GROW EACH OTHER IN THE LORD.**

**PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR, TO FIND OUT WHO YOUR NFG REPRESENTATIVE IS,  
AND JOIN THE SRMC FAMILY, FOR GODLY MEDITATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS,  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY WISHES AND A WHOLESOME, FRUITFUL FELLOWSHIP.**



*Abiding*  
IN CHRIST

**SRMC**

# SARJAPUR ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

## Pulpit Calendar

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;  
abide in My love" John 15:9*

### JULY 2022

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1st Sunday | 03/07/2022 | 9 AM

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Speaker: Rev. J. Uday Kumar

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2nd Sunday | 10/07/2022 | 9 AM

**I AM THE TRUE VINE | JOHN 15:1-12**

Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju

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3rd Sunday | 17/07/2022 | 9 AM

**THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE | EX 33:12-17**

Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju

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4th Sunday | 24/07/2022 | 9 AM

**ABIDE IN GOD'S WORD | 2 TIM 3:14-17**

Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju

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4th Sunday | 31/07/2022 | 9 AM

**ABIDING IN GRACE | RUTH 2:21-23**

Speaker: Rev. Alfred S. Raju

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