

ENTRUSTING OUR SELVES TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR TO COMPETE HIS WORK IN US AND THROUGH US AS WE ABIDE IN CHRIST AS HE TEACHES US IN JOHN 15:4 WE MUST BELIEVE THAT HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

JESUS DREW US TO HIMSELF WHEN HE SPOKE THE WORDS COME UNTO ME MATT 11:28 HE IS ALSO THE ONE WHO KEEPS US WHEN HE SAYS ABIDE IN ME JOHN 15:4

THE GRACE TO COME TO HIM AND THE GRACE TO ABIDE IN HIM ARE ALIKE AND THEY ARE FROM HIM ALONE FOR APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING JOHN 15:5 JESUS AGAIN SAYS HE WHO ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT WE ARE HIS BRANCHES AND THE FRUIT WE BEAR IS HIS FRUIT

HEAR JESUS WORDS AGAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES JOHN 15:7-8 TO YOU IF YOU ABIDE IN ME AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH (PRAYER) AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED BY THIS THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES THIS IS WHY WE WERE LAID HOLD OF BY CHRIST

JESUS WORDS ABIDE IN ME ARE NOT THE LAW OF MOSES DEMANDING FROM SINFUL MAN WHAT HE IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THEY ARE THE COMMAND OF LOVE WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE LAW WITH IT'S INESCAPABLE DO BUT UNDER GRACE WITH ITS BLESSED BELIEVE WHAT CHRIST WILL DO IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU

OUR DOING AND WORKING IS BUT THE FRUIT OF CHRIST IN US CHRIST IS MAKING US ONE WITH HIM OFFERING US UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM HE HAS LAID HOLD OF US TO LIFT US UP WHERE HE IS PHILIP 2:13-14 THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS

HUMBLING YOURSELF UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD THAT HE MIGHT EXALT YOU AT THE PROPER TIME 1PETER 5:6-7

HE WHO HAS BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFECT IT UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS PHILIP 1:6

JESUS HAS SET US APART 1COR 1:30 WE ARE CALLED SAINTS IN THE NEW COVENANT IN THE OLD COVENANT THEY WERE CALLED RIGHTEOUS HOLINESS IS HIGHER THAN RIGHTEOUSNESS HOLINESS IS SPIRITUAL PERFECTION WHILE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LEGAL COMPLETENESS

HOLINESS HAS TO DO WITH GOD'S INNER MOST BEING AND RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS TO DO WITH HIS DEALINGS WITH MAN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BUT A STEPPING STONE TO HOLINESS WE MUST RECEIVE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE WE CAN BE MADE HOLY 1PETER 1:16

HOLINESS IS THE VERY NATURE OF GOD AND ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LAID HOLD OF BY GOD THROUGH JESUS ARE BEING MADE HOLY

JESUS SAID IN JOHN 17:19 FOR THEIR SAKES I SANCTIFY MYSELF THAT THEY THEMSELVES ALSO MAY BE SANCTIFIED HE PERFECTED HIMSELF FOR THEM AND THEM FOR HIMSELF IN THE TRUTH JESUS BEING THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE JOHN 14:6 AND NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY HIM

ABIDING IN CHRIST IS ABIDING IN HIS WORD CONTINUING IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST HAS BEEN SETTLED WE HAVE BEEN SEALED UNTIL THE DAY OF REDEMPTION BUT OUR FELLOWSHIP CAN BE BROKEN BY SIN IN OUR LIVES 1JOHN 1:5-10

FELLOWSHIP AND FRUIT BEARING GO HAND AND HAND FOR APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING THE FATHER WILL PRUNE HIS BRANCHES THAT THEY MIGHT BEAR FRUIT AND MORE FRUIT JOHN 15:1-2

ARE YOU TRUSTING IN HIM TO KEEP YOU PHILIP 3:12 NOT THAT YOU ARE PERFECT BUT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO PERFECT YOU UNTIL HIS WORK IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU IS COMPLETE

EPH 2:10 FOR WE ARE HIS CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND SO THAT WE WOULD WALK IN THEM