

ABUNDANT LIFE

Part 4

Abiding In Christ

John 15:1-8

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN CHRIST?

A. *Being in Christ means being in His family* (Gal 3:26-29, 4:1-7).

1. We are either in **Adam** or in **Christ** (1 Cor 15:20-22, 45-49).
2. Being a part of God's family speaks of three things.
 - a. **Relationship** (Gal 4:6).
 - b. **Identity** (Gal 4:7, 2 Cor 5:17).
 - c. **Inheritance** (Gal 4:7).

B. *Being in Christ means being a part of His body* (Rom 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12:12-13).

1. This speaks of the **function** of our life (Rom 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12:14-20).
2. This speaks of the **flow** of our life (Jn 15:4, Eph 4:4-6, 16, Col 2:19, Rom 8:11).
3. The body is the **church** (Col 1:15-18).

C. *Being in Christ refers to a new realm in which we live* (Ac 17:24-28).

1. The **heavenly** or spiritual realm is now where our lives will be lived out in their fullness (Eph 1:3, 2:4-6).
2. The carnal mind and the natural world is **toxic** and **hostile** to our existence (Rom 8:5-8, 1 Cor 2:14, Gal 5:16-18).
3. We live in this new realm by the **Holy Spirit**, who is the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9-11, Gal 5:25).