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PART 12 - WHY ARE WE TO ABIDE?

In part 1 and 2, we covered what it means to abide and who we are to be abiding in. In Pt 3 we will look at the why question. Why is it so essential for us as Christ followers to be abiding in Christ?

The simple and yet most profound answer is for life. There is no eternal life outside of abiding in the One who is eternal life. This is the WHY!

Jesus said He was Life!
Jesus said He was Light!
Jesus said He was Love!

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

This is one of the most powerful living Scriptures we can partake of when it comes to abiding in Him for life. Twelve words which testify of the most prophetic utterance of abiding in the Personhood of Christ and the reality of life in Him.

While many focus on good and evil, or right or wrong, the Father's focus is on Life or death. He has given us His Son, the Truth, so we can know LIFE. An eternal life now. This is the why!

God's entire purpose for us as His creation is that we would enter into and come to experience and know the life He created us for. Through the continuous abiding in Christ we are continuously coming into more and more of this new creational life.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

The kingdom is to be forever progressing within us through this abiding life, so we get to experience His kingdom life in us.

The Who and the Why are the 2 most essential ingredients to life in Christ. Many ask the How and the What question, while never focusing on the Who and the Why, because of the presumption one already knows this.

When a follower abides in the Who and the Why, they will innately and holistically know and live out the How and the What, wherever they are, without ever asking.

This is what it means to walk in the manner in which Christ walked, as 1 John 2:6 testifies to.

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All the give me the 4 steps to this and the 4 steps to that how to's go out the window. All the formulaic and program methods and purposes hold no weight and are seen for what they truly are, futile, when a follower is forever increasingly coming into the Who and the Why.

Just to recap from John 1:4. In Christ is life and if Christ is abiding in us, then His life in us, is the actual light in us, which brings us into an abundant life.

QUESTIONS

1. What are you being made aware of through this resource?
2. Why is life in Christ connected to the Who and Why and not the How and What?
3. To abide in Christ is to walk in the manner of Christ. Why is this one dimension in Him and not two separate realities?

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