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Hang in There! Keep Abiding!

[John 15:1-8](#)

This is NOT about the afterlife. This is current reality NOT a permanent condition. - Where are we in relationship to Christ now?

We decide if we abide.

- Who abides? - Those who seek and ask and knock.
- How do we abide? - Prayer, faithfulness, repentance.
- When do we abide? - Daily, over time, for life.

When we abide we bear fruit.

- The life of Christ.
- The love of Christ.

When we abide we are pruned.

- Learning
- Persecution
- Crucifixion

When we do not abide we die.

- Isolation from God's Love
- Isolation from others
- Toxicity to ourselves, others, and the world

Keep abiding! - Repent! Grow! Pray! Gather with Christians! Love! Be faithful! Bear much fruit!