

January Sermon Series:
ABIDING IN CHRIST

Scripture Lesson
John 15:9-10

John 15:9-10, As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

The Big Idea:
When we love, we obey.

Lesson Five:
Abiding in Love

- 1. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you.**
- 2. Abide in My love.**
- 3. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

Matthew 3:16-17, And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My **BELOVED Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**

God Loves Jesus as a Father:

1. Presentation
2. Proclamation
3. Pleasure
4. Priority

**1. It's the HEART, not the BEHAVIOR
that is the central thing in our
relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**Proverbs 23:26, My son,
give thine heart, and let
thine eyes observe my
ways.**

God is after our heart.

- **Isaiah 53:5**, But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- **Isaiah 53:10**, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”

**Sometimes God doesn't
change your situation
because He wants to change
your heart.**

Matthew 22:34-40, But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, ““You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**2. It takes constant work to
keep the HEART in the
RIGHT PLACE.**

**Matthew 15:8, These people
draw near to Me with their
mouth, and honor Me
with their lips, but their heart is
far from Me.**

**3. The ULTIMATE expression
of love is OBEDIENCE.**

**John 14:21, Whoever has My
commandments and keeps them, he it
is who loves Me. And he who loves
Me will be loved by My Father, and I
will love him and manifest Myself to
him.**

**John 15:12, A new
commandment I give to
you that you love one
another as I have loved
you.**

**Jesus bids us to
continue to be present
in love.**

**Zephaniah 3:17, The LORD your God
in your midst, The Mighty One, will
save; He will rejoice over you with
gladness, He will quiet you with His
love, He will rejoice over you with
singing.**

**GOD Will Quiet You With
His Love!**