

Title: "ABIDE IN MY LOVE"

Text: **John 15**

(I) A DIVINE LOVE

1. Great Statements of the Father's Love for the Son

*"The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand" **John 3:35***

*"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does..." **John 5:20a***

2. Great purpose for making these statements

- a) To teach us what Divine Love is
- b) To emulate Divine Love

(II) ABIDING IN THE LOVE OF JESUS

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have 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." **John 15:9-10***

1. Christ's love for His disciples

- a) As the Father loved Him
- b) So He loved His disciples

2. Challenge to abide in the love of Christ

- a) Bearing in mind the Father's Love for Christ
- b) Bearing in mind how Christ has demonstrated His love for the Disciples

3. Concrete expression of Abiding in the love of Christ

- a) Jesus' example of keeping His Father's commandments
- b) Challenge to keep Christ's commandments
- c) The keeping of the commandments of Christ is a vital expression of abiding in His love

(III) THE BIGGER PICTURE OF ABIDING IN CHRIST

1. Abiding in Jesus as the True Vine (John 15:1-8)

- a) Abiding in Christ
- b) Result: Bearing Fruit

2. Abiding in Christ's Love (John 15:9-17)

- a) Abiding in His commandments
- b) Results
 - i) Fullness of Joy (**John 15:11**)
 - ii) Friends of Jesus (**John 15:14**)
 - iii) Answers to Prayers (**John 15:16**)

3. Special Application

*"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:12***