

"Blessings in Abiding"

Text: John 15:6-11

Scripture reading: Matthew 25:31-46

I. Delivered from deserved judgment - vs. 6 (Matt. 25:46)

II. Access to answered prayer - vs. 7 (Jn. 14:13-14)

III. Assurance of glorifying discipleship - vv. 4-5

IV. Immersed in divine compassion - vv. 9-10

V. Experience fullness of joy - vs. 11 (Ps. 51:10-12; Ps. 118:23-24)

-Ps. 5:11

-Ps. 32:11

-Ps. 90:14

Conclusion:

1) Live more thoroughly _____

2) Seek more to _____

3) Trust more fully _____

"To abide in Christ means to keep up a habit of constant close communion with Him, to be always leaning on Him, resting on Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, and using Him as our Fountain of life and strength, as our chief Companion and best Friend. To have His words abiding in us, is to keep His sayings and precepts continually before our memories and minds, and to make them the guide of our actions, and the rule of our daily conduct and behavior."

Bishop J. C. Ryle

Sermon Quotes:

William Hendriksen, *"The spiritual graces or fruits which adorn the children of God reflect His own being."*

J. C. Ryle, *"Men are content with little Christianity, and a little fruit of the Spirit, and do not labour to be 'holy in all manner of conversation (I Pet. 1:15). They must not wonder if they enjoy little peace, feel little hope, and leave behind them little evidence."*

J. C. Ryle; on those who bear much fruit, *"He shall find inward evidence in his own soul that he is a child of God, and shall supply the world with outward evidence that cannot be disputed."*

Leon Morris, *"Now to love with any depth is to have such a concern for the beloved that we want to do what will please the one we love."*