

The Sweetest Fellowship this Side of Heaven

“Birthmarks of the Believer”

1 John 2:3–11
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I. A True Believer Submits to the Lordship of Jesus. 2:3-4

Luke 6:46, “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do the things I say?”

Keep ... means to guard a treasure OR as a sailor’s term to keep the stars.

Do you have in your heart right now a desire to live by the Word of God?

Why do we keep His commandments? Because we love Him.

John 14:15: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

John 14:21, “The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me...”

II. A True Believer Seeks the Lifestyle of Jesus. 2:5-7

See 1 John 4:17.

Now what was the lifestyle of Jesus like?

1. His was a lifestyle of H. 1:6-7

2. His was a lifestyle of P.

1 John 3:3, “And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure.”

3. His was a lifestyle of R. 2:6

1 John 3:7, “Little children, let no one deceive you! The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.”

John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me.

How do I remain or abide in Christ?

A. The Life of a Branch Is a Life of Full R.

B. The Life of a Branch Is a Life of R.

C. The life of the branch is a life of R.

John 15:11, “I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”

† When you are to Jesus what Jesus was to the Father, Jesus will be to you what the Father was to Jesus.

III. A True Believer Shows the Love of Jesus 2:9-11

Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

John 13:34, “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.”

Next Steps

- Memorize *John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*
- Because I am born again, I will keep the commandments of Christ.
- Because I am born again, I will live the lifestyle of Christ.
- Because I am born again, I will show the love of Christ to everyone.
- Other _____