Father 1s Restoring What Theology Bamboozled

"I will turn their lament into joy, comfort and gladness" (Jeremiah 31:13)



Abiding In The Relational Intimacy Of The New Covenant



Introduction: In this Insight we shed light on the promised abiding intimate relationship that our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus offer you in the New Covenant through the indwelling Holy Spirit. We hope that you'll prayerfully discern if what's been offered you has been your experience. If it hasn't, the offer still remains if you embrace the true Gospel as it is presented in God's Word. This is personal for us! After having the Hebraic foundations revealed to us, we realized how centuries of anti-Semitic theology had devalued the paramount importance of the intimate relationship that's offered in the New Covenant. Centuries of misleading theology made clergy dominance, creedal positioning and abstract Bible knowledge the core of Christian life. But we hope you'll experience the all-encompassing spiritual intimacy that our Father and Lord Jesus offer you in the New Covenant. Please, ask the Holy Spirit to verify these truths. And if the abiding intimacy we highlight isn't your experience, ask the Spirit of our Lord for help.

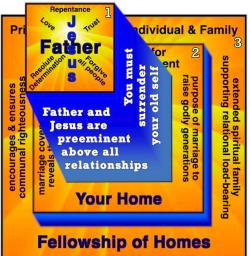
Three indispensable truths undergird what our heavenly Father is restoring:

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1. Our Lord's sacrifice inaugurated the **New Covenant** which was prophesied in the Older Testament (Jeremiah 31:31). The Gospel parameters for you to enter this covenant and be *genuinely born again* is initially found in the Hebrew Scriptures, the only Bible in existence at the time of Jesus.



- 2. Entering the **New Covenant** begins your life pilgrimage of being indwelled by the Holy Spirit Who will *guide*, *empower* and *transform* you into ever-increasing Christ-likeness.
- **3.** Your life-long abiding in the preeminent relationship with our Father and Lord Jesus in the *New Covenant* results in you receiving your salvation when your name is read aloud before the host of heaven (Revelation 3:5).



The word "covenant" can mean "to come into union with", such as in a marriage. The New Covenant our Father offers you invites you to abide in union with Him and our Lord Jesus. Union implies oneness in an ongoing pilgrimage on earth. The New Covenant is a heart relationship requiring your repentance, love, trust, resolute determination and forgiving all others—all of which are stipulated in the Older Testament. (We'll expand on this in a later Insight.) If you're genuinely born again ∙the indwelling Holy Spirit enables you to abide in the preeminence of our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. ∙But you must surrender your old selfcentered life. ∙This means abandoning your self-rule and self-will to live under the rule of Jesus in His Lordship.

Warning: The bamboozling "gospels" developed by anti-Semitic theologians over the centuries have eliminated the preeminence of our heavenly Father and His purposes as well as the rule of Lord Jesus. The self-centered motives of **Humanism** within Christianity incite the individual to rule his life. Most Christians make their own life pursuits #1, confining our Father and Lord Jesus to a lesser priority. Since Cosmic **Dualism** deeply impacts Christianity (the spiritual world is "good", the physical world "evil"), they easily disconnect

The Self-Centered Priorities Of The Theologically Bamboozled

Me First!

My life centers on my will & my happiness.

I am preeminent above everyone else, including Father & Jesus.

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My Family & Friends

Father & Josus

Larry Burkett, the founder of Christian Financial Concepts, shared a personal testimony that made us closely examine our own walk with Jesus as our Lord. Before his bout with cancer, Larry believed that God was number one in his life. But afterward, when he was honest with himself, he admitted that God had really been no higher than number four to him. That realization alone convicted his heart, and he spent the rest of his years living with new priorities.

Father and Jesus from your daily life.

The genuinely born again daily abide in our Father and our Lord Jesus

Think about the <u>life-changing consequence</u> that's brought about by our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus giving the genuinely born again the indwelling Spirit (Luke 3:16; Galatians 4:6). Free from the harmful deceits of **Cosmic Dualism** and **Humanism**, the genuinely born again can daily abide in their relationship with our Father and Lord Jesus. <u>Abiding in our Father and Lord Jesus is something you experience through the Spirit!</u> This is grace with purpose: you daily abiding in the Spirit to fulfill Father's purposes to His glory while you are being transformed into Christ's character by the Spirit. Paul succinctly affirms this: "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are <u>being transformed into the same image</u> from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit" (2Corinthians 3:18; also Romans 12:2).

Daily abiding was clearly understood by our Lord Jesus's first followers. Every Hebrew knew Psalm 91:1, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty." Consider how our Lord's first Jewish followers understood abiding in the New Covenant with our Father and Lord Jesus:

- "No one has ever seen God; <u>if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us</u>. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because <u>He has given us of His Spirit</u>" (1John 4:12,13).
- "So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1John 4:16).
- "And by this we know that we have come to know [Jesus], if we keep His commandments. Whoever says 'I know Him' but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked" (1John 2:4-6)
- •"Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that <u>He abides</u> in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (1John 3:24).

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Your <u>abiding</u> reflects how our Lord Jesus would think and act through you. And your abiding is greatly strengthened through you applying God's commands to your way of life: "For the word of God is <u>alive and active</u>. Sharper than any double-edged sword, <u>it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit</u>, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Neither our Father nor Lord Jesus established the man-contrived, organizational Christian religious system. Rather, you are offered a most precious relationship the likes of which our Lord's first Jewish followers embraced. God's love relationship with Israel is summed up in the resolute purpose of them daily applying His good and righteous commands. This requirement of loving obedience through trust is also the same for all the genuinely born again:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands [what you do] and bind them on your foreheads [what you think]. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates [when you come and go]" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; also Luke 10:27; John 14:15, 21; 15:10; Ephesians 6:4; 1John 5:2,3; 2John 6).

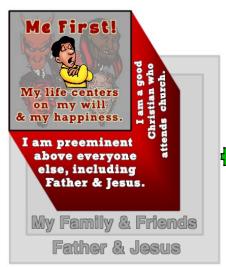
Again, the relational quality of daily abiding with our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus is demonstrated in purposely applying and living by God's commands out of loving and grateful regard. The genuinely born again who've embraced the true Gospel that's contained in the New Covenant appreciate God's righteous commands because of **WHO** has given them. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God gives both the will and the power to walk in His righteous ways (Philippians 2:12,13). You don't view them as a <u>burden</u> to obey, because you <u>lovingly appreciate</u> what our Lord Jesus accomplished on your behalf. This is why we're told, "For this is <u>the love of God</u>, that we <u>keep His commandments</u>. And <u>His commandments are not burdensome</u>" (1John 5:3). As the Holy Spirit guides you in applying God's commands if you're genuinely born again, you find yourself being transformed into Christ-like character (see Romans 12:2; 2Corinthians 3:18).

mands to their lives out of love. Throughout their Christian lives they've experienced minimal to no Christ-like character transformation, as people who personally know them would testify. And as Christian pollster George Barna lamented, the sinful lifestyle values and choices of non-Christians and Christians are exactly the same. Christians who confine their Christianity to defined, scheduled blocks of time in their weekly life dominate church circles today. They defame our Lord Jesus and His holy reputation by their worldly goals, choices and actions. This is why God's chastisement will be falling upon this land.

Abiding in our Father and our Lord Jesus is a change from being guided by your soul to being guided within your spirit

One of the primary purposes for our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to the genuinely born again is the process of their becoming more Christ-like in their character and loving service to others. This is a complete transformation from having been guided by the inner "voice" of your soul — your mind, will and emotions. It's within the soul where your **sin nature** and **demonic strongholds** reside to influence your thoughts, your decisions, your feelings and your attitudes if you let them. In contrast, the indwelling Holy Spirit communicates through your spirit. But for you to "hear" the indwelling Spirit, you need an earnest desire for Him to "hear" Him. You might say that to the degree in which you lovingly appreciate what our Lord accomplished on your behalf is the degree in which you want to receive His Spirit's guidance.

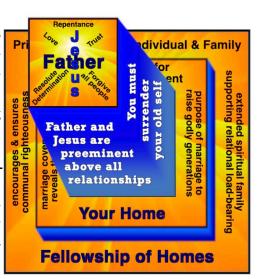
Do you remember the days of AM-FM radio? The Spirit's guidance is somewhat like the change from listening to an AM radio station (your soul) to FM (the Holy Spirit). When it comes to the Holy Spirit helping you grow in Christ's likeness, it's not just a matter of turning off the AM and turning on the FM. You have to <u>surrender</u> the old sinful, self-willed decision-making process of your soul. That's because repentance and sanctification require you to deny your old unChrist-like goals and values which had made up your worldly identity. You need to turn away from the goals and actions which were produced through your soul (AM) in order for you to take on and abide in Christ's character. The Holy Spirit guiding you through your spirit (FM) is the convicting power for this change to occur. (We'll discuss this transformation in a later Insight.)



The indwelling Holy Spirit's conviction of sin and His transformation into Christ's character occurs through your spirit. He's the source to you abiding with Father and Lord Jesus.



Be sensitive to His conviction and guidance through your spirit, whether it's audible or a prompting. And follow through!



√To sum up the experiences of daily abiding in your Father and Lord Jesus which reveal that you're genuinely born again: •the Holy Spirit convicts you to repent, •He transforms you more and more into Christ's character, •He guides you, •He empowers you, •He enables you to be sensitive to divinely orchestrated encounters where you can fulfill Father's purposes, •He divinely intervenes especially in your time of need. If these experiences haven't been your frequent Christian experience along your faith journey, consider this: you're likely not genuinely born again, or you're a slave to a reprobate life of unconfessed sin or spiritual compromise (John 8:34; Romans 6:11,13). If either of these is a reality for you and they don't cause fear in your heart, you are in a more desperate situation than you may want to believe. Cry out to our Lord in humble repentance and receive the new life He's promised in His Word!

Below are links to materials we've produced which will help you <u>mutually abide</u> in our Father and Lord Jesus through the indwelling Holy Spirit:

- •Prophetic Insight, March 30, 2017, *Jesus Christ, Savior, Deliverer, Healer, Lord*
- The Gospel of the Covenant Is The Pilgrimage To Salvation
- •And a fitting questionnaire to scrutinize your life from our Lord's vantage point: Lifebyte 23, *Are God's Relational Priorities Your Way Of Life?*