**Abiding in Christ - Sermon Screens for March 26, 2017 – Pastor Gary London**

1. Jeremiah 9:23-24, “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches, but let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and **knows Me**, that I am the Lord.”
2. Incorrect thinking:

Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things** will be given to you.”

John 10:10, Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it **abundantly**.”

1. Correct thinking:

1Peter 4:12-13, “Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the painful trial you’re going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, rejoice for these trials make you **partners with Christ** in His sufferings.”

Phil 3:10, “I want to **know Christ** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings.”

Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things **through Christ** who strengthens me.”

1. Abiding in Christ means:

* To occupy with Him - to experience Him and to personally know Him day by day.
* To continue in Him - to work steadily at growing in partnership with Him each day.

John 14:16-17,23 & John 15:4-5 Jesus said, “I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper-Teacher to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot …know Him. But **you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you**…If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him and **We will come to him and make our home with him**…Abide in Me and I will abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must abide in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I abide in you, you will bear much fruit.”

1. Three activities of abiding in Christ:
2. Listening to & Talking with Him – Ephesians 1:17 and Jude 3
3. Applying & Doing His Word – James 1:22 and Psalm 119:11 and Ephesians 5:26
4. Obeying & Following His leadership – John 14:15 and 1John 5:3
5. Results from abiding in Christ:
6. Fruitfulness – John 15:5
7. Fullness – Galatians 5:16,25
8. Freedom – 1John 3:6
9. Summary: John 17:3, “This is eternal life, that they may **know You,** Father, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You’ve sent.”
10. Acts 17:28, “**In Him** we live and move and exist.”

Colossians 1:9-10, Ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn **to know God** better and better.”