Results of Letting God's Word Abide In You

Scripture: John 15:7

Introduction

God's word produces visible changes in our lives when we let his word abide in us. As we meditate on His word, we have:

I. Fruitfulness

<u>John 15:5</u> I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.

A. The word will commission us

<u>Matthew 28:19</u> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

<u>Mark 16:15</u> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

B. The word will motivate us

<u>**1** Corinthians</u> <u>9:16</u> For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

II. Prayer answered

<u>John 15:7</u> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

- A. His word teaches us how to pray
- B. His word teaches us what to pray for

III. A new life

<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- A. Changed attitudes
- B. Changed direction
- C. Changed motivation
- D. Changed association
- E. Changed conversation

IV. Peace in the storm

John 16:33 These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye mighthave peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

- A. A peace that is internal rather than external
- B. A peace based on our being in right relationship with God

V. Wearing the robe of His righteousness

<u>Philippians 3:9</u> And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but' that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

- A. Being totally dependent on His work on the cross
- B. Recognizing that we have no righteousness