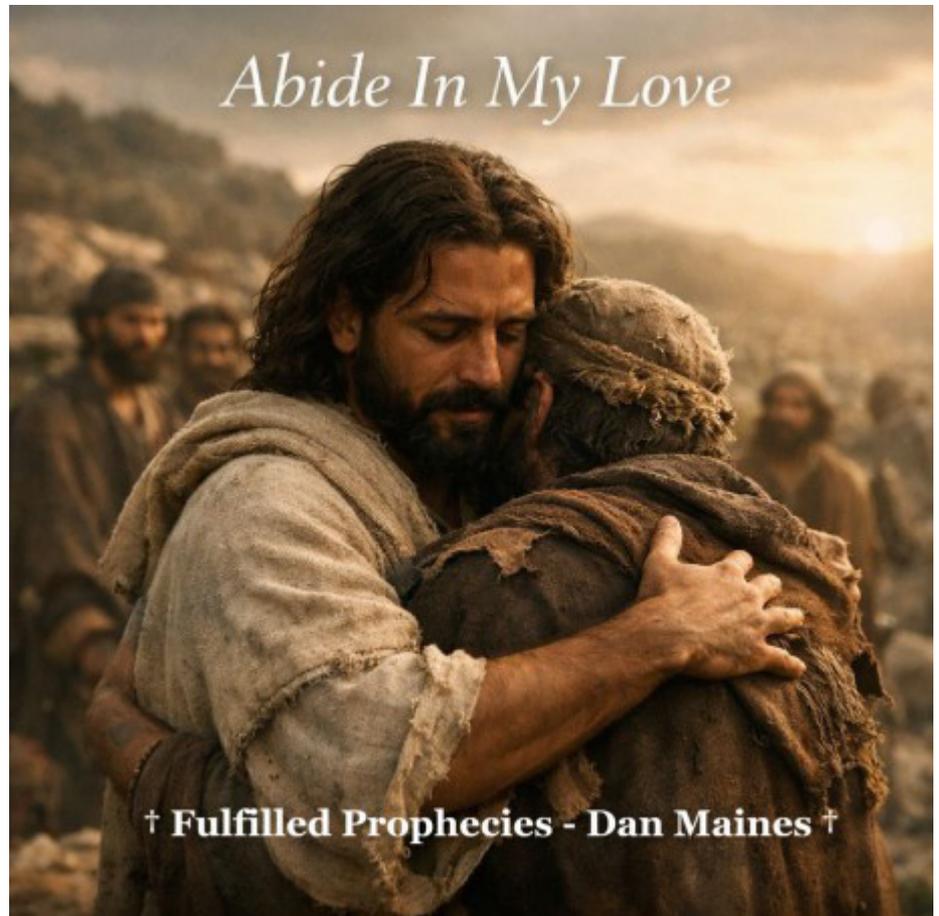


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Abide In My Love

Introduction

† This post isn't about eschatology, it's about remembering that His love came first.

† This message isn't about striving or chasing after God, it's about resting in what Christ already accomplished (Matthew 11:28).

† When Jesus speaks of abiding, He speaks to people already loved, already chosen, already kept (John 15:16).

† This is a call to remain, not to reach, to trust, not to perform (Psalm 37:7).

John 15:9-11

Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love.

If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love.

These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

† The measure of Christ's love toward His people is the Father's love toward Him, which is unchanging and eternal (John 17:23).

† Abiding is presented as a settled condition, not a fragile state that can be lost through failure (1 John 4:16).

† Joy is the outcome of remaining in love, not the reward for successful obedience (Psalm 16:11).

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.

† God's promise is presence, not distance, He comes to dwell, not to test from afar (Ezekiel 37:27).

† The word dwelling speaks of permanence, showing that God's relationship with His people isn't temporary or conditional (2 Corinthians 6:16).

† Love is shown not by pursuit but by communion, God making His home with those who trust Him (1 John 3:24).

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to

separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† Paul speaks with settled confidence, not hopeful uncertainty, about the permanence of God's love (Hebrews 6:19).

† Separation from God's love is presented as impossible, removing fear from the believer's relationship with Him (Isaiah 54:10).

† If separation isn't possible, then abiding is trusting what God has already secured (John 10:28).

Historical References

† Augustine wrote that the soul finds rest not in effort but in resting in God's love, seeing abiding as the believer's true home (Augustine, Confessions).

† John Chrysostom taught that Christ's words in John 15 were meant to comfort anxious disciples, not burden them with fear (Homilies on John).

† Clement of Alexandria emphasized that knowing God begins with dwelling in divine love, not striving for acceptance (Stromata).

How It Applies To Us Today

† We don't live the Christian life by chasing God, we live it by trusting where Christ has placed us (Colossians 3:3).

† Abiding frees us from fear driven obedience and anchors us in love driven trust (1 John 4:18).

† Resting in God's love allows peace and joy to shape our lives instead of pressure and anxiety (Philippians 4:7).

Q & A Appendix

Q What does it mean to abide in Christ?

A It means to remain settled in the love and life already given

through Christ (1 John 2:24).

Q Is abiding something we can fail at?

A No, abiding rests on Christ's faithfulness, not ours (2 Timothy 2:13).

Q Why does abiding produce joy?

A Because joy flows from secure relationship, not from uncertainty or fear (Psalm 16:11).

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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