

***Abide in Love***

**RSA - 050**

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I am reading from **John 15** and I am knowing such joy as I read it! When I read the Word of God, I want God to apply that Word to myself. I do not use the Word as something I can talk about and share with others, as if I knew it all and you know nothing. No, we come together with total dependence upon the Holy Spirit making His Word real to our heart. So, we are at the feet of Jesus, learning from Him this morning. As we read in **John 15** and understand the Lord says He is the Vine and that we must abide in Him, something happens. When I am in Christ and Christ is in me, there is a commodity that the world desperately needs. That is His love. When I am in Christ, you see, I am filled full of Him. Therefore, it is His love that is shed abroad through my heart.

**9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you** - *He gives the command* - **continue ye in my love.** Now there is a lot of difference of love out there. We talk sentimentally about it; we sing about it. We like the roses and all the fuss that comes with wonderful filial love, and brotherly love, and all the other things, but we are talking about God's love. In order for this love to be in and working through us, this dynamic love has to be that we obey what He is saying.

**10 If you keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love - what is He talking about ? - even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.** The key is in the word **commandments**. As the Father sent the Son that He might be totally dependent upon Him, so the command is that we have to do the same. For it says . . . **continue ye in my love**. That means I have to be dependent upon the Son, as He sends me in His Name, and, therefore, He will get the glory. He has a tremendous plan worked out. Not just the big things like where am I going to live and will I have children and will this happen to me and that happen. No, He has a detailed plan for every second of the day. So I open my eyes at the beginning of the day and say, *Lord, I worship You. I love You. I adore You. You are my life. Come in with all your fullness of Your Spirit right now. May this day count for you; I deliberately hand over my life to You for this day.*

Now you still have to get up, get dressed, and get your breakfast and everything, but all the time, in your Spirit you are talking to the Lord. You are listening and obeying what He says. You might be running out the door and you suddenly think the Lord is saying in the Spirit to ring somebody, or perhaps something else comes up, but you are in this constant communion. With that communion comes this dynamic love. You will find that what you are doing comes out of love. It is nothing like turning it out because you believe you ought to, and think, "Oh, that is over now! I am going to have to relax and get over it." No. It is

this dynamic love, which has such a command on the people that you meet that they come under a conviction. Some people hate you because of this in you or other people are drawn to you. You claim neither to your credit. It is the Lord.

For it goes on to say -

**11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.** There is no such thing as having this bubbling, incredible love in your life without understanding, at the same time, there is a *joy*. This joy, even in the worst situations, is deep down resident in your heart. This communion, this fellowship, His Spirit speaking to your spirit, as you are obeying and following. For it says -

**12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.** That means it is no longer just my existence and my little life of what is going to happen. This love just spills over. It does not matter what color of skin; it does not matter what nationality; the binding power is the love of God through my heart. It is that binding power that expects nothing from the other believer, except sin and failure if Christ is not reigning in their life. It takes away the spirit of judgment; it takes away the feeling of superiority that I have it over them; it takes away this great pride that somehow I am being in the center of everything. All of sudden, it is this love, this joy of just seeing that the only good thing in another believer is Jesus Christ

Himself.

Would you let that love work in your life today? Would you begin to obey this commandment? Will you let the Lord Himself be your joy and your strength? I just praise the Lord as together we come to His feet saying, *Yes, Lord! That is what I want and You know my heart right now, and I believe you for it.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*