

“ABIDE”

Outline of lecture

- 1 The word “abide” (μένω, meno)
- 2 The parable of the vineyard (John 15:1-8)
- 3 Abiding in Jesus
- 4 Bearing fruit (John 15:9-17)

Distribution of μένω (meno) in New Testament

Matthew	3
Mark	2
Luke	7
John	40
Acts	13
Paul	17
Hebrews	6
1 Peter	2
1-2 John	27
Revelation	1

TOTAL 118

John 15:1-8 (my translation based on NRSV)

Parable of the Vineyard and its Vines

I am the true vineyard and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every vine in me that does not **bear fruit**, and every vine that **bears fruit** he prunes (lit. “cleanses”) so that it may **bear** more **fruit**. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴**Abide** in me and I [will abide] in you. Just as the vine cannot **bear fruit** by itself unless it **abides** in the vineyard, neither can you unless you **abide** in me.

⁵I am the vineyard, you are the vines. The one who **abides** in me and I in them **bears** much **fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Anyone who does not **abide** in me is thrown outside like a vine and withers. They gather them and throw them into the fire and they burn. ⁷If you **abide** in me and my words **abide** in you, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you **bear** much **fruit** and become my disciples.

abide 7x, bear fruit 6x, vine 5x

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

Love one another

As the Father **has loved** me, so I have loved you; **abide** in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will **abide in** my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and **bear fruit, fruit** that **will last (abide)**, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

abide 4x, bear fruit 1x (+ fruit 1), love (verb + noun) 9x