

Go Deep!

Session 2

“Remain in Me”

Deep Conversion, Part One



John 15: 1 – 17

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that *does* He prunes so that it bears *more* fruit. You are *already pruned* because of the word that I spoke to you.

***Remain in me, as I remain in you.* Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever *remains in me* and I in him will bear much fruit, because *without me you can do nothing*.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you *remain in me* and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By *this* is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. *Remain in my love*.



John 15: 1 – 17

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.

I have told you this so that *my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete*. This is my commandment: *love one another as I have loved you*.

Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you *do what I command you*.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not *you* who chose *me*, but I who chose *you* and *appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain*, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you.

This I command you: *love one another.*”



“Deep Conversion”

- To *“abide in Christ”* we *need conversion.*
- *Conversion* – we cease to “abide” in things apart from Christ in order to “abide” in Christ alone.

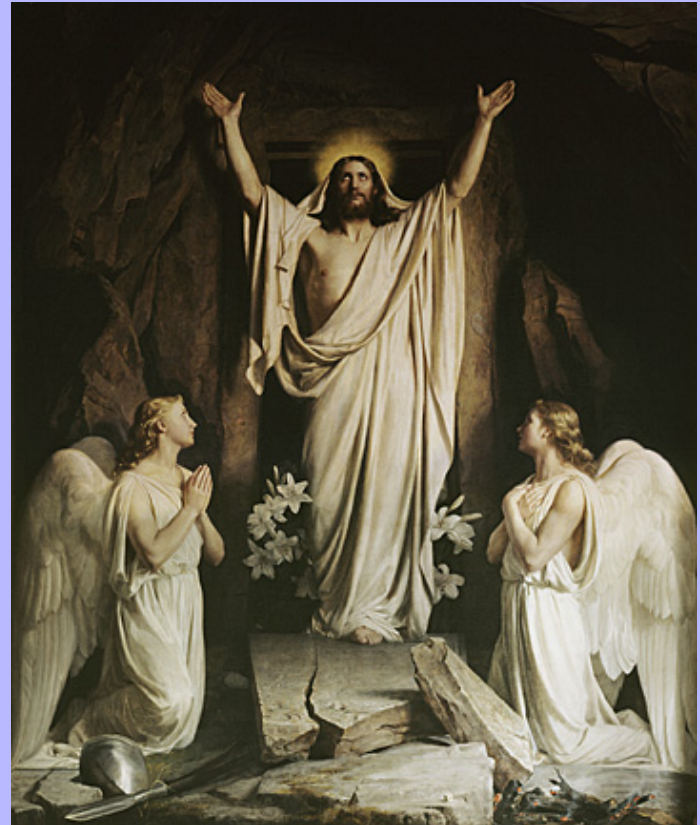


Necessity of “Deep Conversion”

- “If you keep my commandments, you will *remain in my love.*”
- Conversion begins at Baptism and ends at the moment of death.



“...so that *my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.*”



Purification and Conversion

We must give
“The Divine Artist”
permission
to re-create
His image in us.



“Deep Conversion” & “Deep Prayer”

The key to the latter
is found
in the former



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4. It is infinitely worth it!



An Overview of the Voyage



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We have a choice...

“Be not afraid”
to follow Jesus on
the way which leads to
“complete joy”
in Him alone.

See you on May 20th!

