

# **“The Assurance of Abiding”**

1 John 4:12-16

**I. When we \_\_\_\_\_ His followers**

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*“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”*

**John 1:18**

**II. When we \_\_\_\_\_ His Spirit**

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*“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”*

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*<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

**John 3:6-8**



## II. When we display His Spirit

*“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”*

**Romans 8:9**

**III. When we \_\_\_\_\_ His truth**

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A. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the apostle's doctrine

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*“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”*

**2 Peter 1:16**

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- B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the apostle's doctrine

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- A. We must understand the apostle's doctrine
- B. We must confess the apostle's doctrine



**IV. When we \_\_\_\_\_ His love**

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*“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*”

## IV. When we recognize His love

*<sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”*

**Galatians 2:20-21**

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