



Basics of the Faith

Scripture Memory Series

Week 27

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

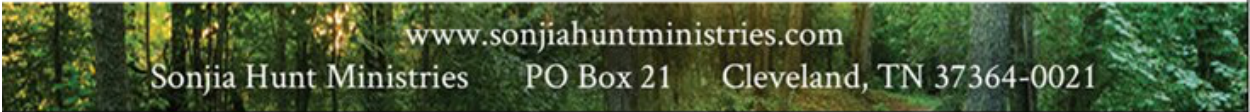
John 10:10

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.' "

John 11:25

" 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.' "

John 13:34



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Abiding in God's Word

One of the identifying characteristics of Jesus' disciples is that they abide in His Word.

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed' " (John 8:31).

To "abide" means to remain, continue or to dwell. If we desire to be Jesus' disciples, we will continue in His Word in order to know and keep it. One definition of a disciple: one who follows and becomes like the person followed. This happens when we abide in God's Word. We become more like Jesus.

If, however, we search God's Word and study it from simply a historical perspective or as an interesting philosophy, then we have not become His disciple as Jesus meant discipleship. To abide is to seek more than head knowledge. It can also connote relationship and fellowship. We are Jesus' disciples indeed when we abide in His Word to know Him, love Him and to live for Him.

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