

## Fueling Station 5:

### Key to abiding/remaining in Christ



#### Key Introduction:

To understand what it means to remain in Christ, I would like to turn to the story of the prodigal son. At its roots this story is about remaining in the family blessing and receiving the full inheritance of the father. When the son chose to take what was rightfully his as a part of the family and leave with his inheritance, he chose to no longer remain under the stewardship of his father's blessings of land, service and intimate fellowship.

Have you ever heard of the “black sheep” of the family?

black sheep

noun [ S ]

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a person who has done something bad that brings embarrassment or shame to his or her family:

“Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.”

2 John 1:8-9 ESV

\*It is clear that remaining in Christ is to remain in His teaching and to remain in His teaching is to remain in His reward/inheritance. If we fail to “remain”, “abide”, “continue”, “live” in the instructions of our Lord, we lose the fellowship and blessings of our Father and His Son!

The instructions to “put off” the old self and “put on” the new is the key to remaining “in” Christ:

“They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:19, 21-24 ESV

\*You cannot become callous if you weren't tender at one time, and you cannot give yourself up if you were not living properly at one time!

“and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:9, 12, 14 ESV

\*This prize is contingent upon us being “found” in him. Paul is reminding us that there is an upward “invitation” that is dependent upon our “maturity” or perfection that we are to be “pressing” into! Remember this is the “goal” not the guarantee before Christ returns.

\*perfect

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Strong's Greek: 5048. τελειόω (teleiōō) -- to bring to an end, to complete, perfect

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5048. teleiōō

**Strong's Concordance**

teleiōō: to bring to an end, to complete, perfect  
 Original Word: ΤΕΛΕΙΟΩ  
 Part of Speech: Verb  
 Transliteration: teleiōō  
 Phonetic Spelling: (tel-i-o'-o)  
 Definition: to bring to an end, to complete, perfect  
 Usage: (a) as a course, a race, or the like: I complete, finish (b) as of time or prediction: I accomplish, (c) I make perfect, pass: I am perfected.

**HELPS Word-studies**

**Cognate:** 5048 *teleiōō* – to consummate, reaching the *end-stage*, i.e. working through the entire process (stages) to reach the *final phase (conclusion)*. See 5056 (*telos*).

[This root (*tel-*) means "reaching the end (*aim*).": It is well-illustrated with the old pirate's telescope, unfolding (extending out) one stage at a time to function at full-strength (capacity effectiveness).]

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**Englishman's Concordance**

Luke 2:43 V-APA-GMP  
 GRK: και ΤΕΛΕΙΩΘΗΝΤΩΝ τῶς ἡμέρας  
 NAS: and as they were returning, *after spending the full number of days,*  
 KJV: And *when they had fulfilled* the days,  
 INT: and *having completed* the days

Luke 13:32 V-PIM/P-1S  
 GRK: τῇ τρίτῃ ΤΕΛΕΙΟΩΜΑΙ  
 NAS: and the third [*day*] *I reach My goal!*  
 KJV: the third [*day*] *I shall be perfected.*  
 INT: the third [*day*] *I am perfected*

John 4:34 V-ASA-1S  
 GRK: με και ΤΕΛΕΙΩΩ αὐτοῦ τὸ  
 NAS: of Him who sent *Me and to accomplish* His work.  
 KJV: me, and *to finish* his work.  
 INT: me and *should finish* of him th

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

John 14:15-17, 20-21, 23-24 ESV

\*Jesus makes it clear that the Father’s will is to keep His commands thus proving your love and the “helper” was given for this very purpose.

““I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”

John 15:1-2, 4-6, 8-10 ESV

To be “led” by the Spirit is to “remain in” Christ:

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

Romans 8:5, 7-8, 12-14 ESV

Jesus final thought in His high Priestly prayer is very telling:

““I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

John 17:20-21 ESV

\*Jesus would have no reason to ask for something if it was a guarantee or automatic!

“Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Romans 13:13-14 ESV

\*Again, no need to tell the born again church to put on Christ if they couldn't take Him off!

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 ESV

\*why would Paul consistently warn the church, as in this case “implore” us to be reconciled to God if there still weren't something left to either be lost or achieved? Also, notice the only way to do this..to remain “in Him”

\*reconciled

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Strong's Greek: 2644. καταλλάσσω (katallássō) -- to reconcile

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2644. katallássō

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Part of Speech: Verb  
Transliteration: katallássō  
Phonetic Spelling: (kat-al-las'-so)  
Definition: to reconcile  
Usage: I change, exchange, reconcile.

**HELPS Word-studies**

2644 *katallássō* (from 2596 *katá*, "down to an exact point," intensifying 236 */allássō*, "to change") – properly, *decisively* change, as when two parties *reconcile* when coming ("changing") to the same position.

2644 */katallássō* ("decisively changed, reconciled") is applied to marriage partners (1 Cor 7:11), but usually in the redemptive sense of a sinner reconciling to the Lord.

[2644 (*katallássō*) was originally used for the exchange of coins; "properly, to change, exchange (especially of money); hence, of persons, to change from enmity to friendship, to reconcile" (A-S).]

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**Englishman's Concordance**

Romans 5:10 V-A1P-1P  
GRK: ἔχθροι ὄντες *κατηλάγημεν* τῷ θεῷ  
NAS: while we were enemies *we were reconciled* to God  
KJV: enemies, *we were reconciled* to God  
INT: enemies being *we were reconciled* to God

Romans 5:10 V-APP-NMP  
GRK: πολλῶ μᾶλλον *καταλαγόντες* σωθησόμεθα ἐν  
NAS: more, *having been reconciled*, we shall be saved  
KJV: more, *being reconciled*, we shall be saved  
INT: much more *having been reconciled* we will be saved by

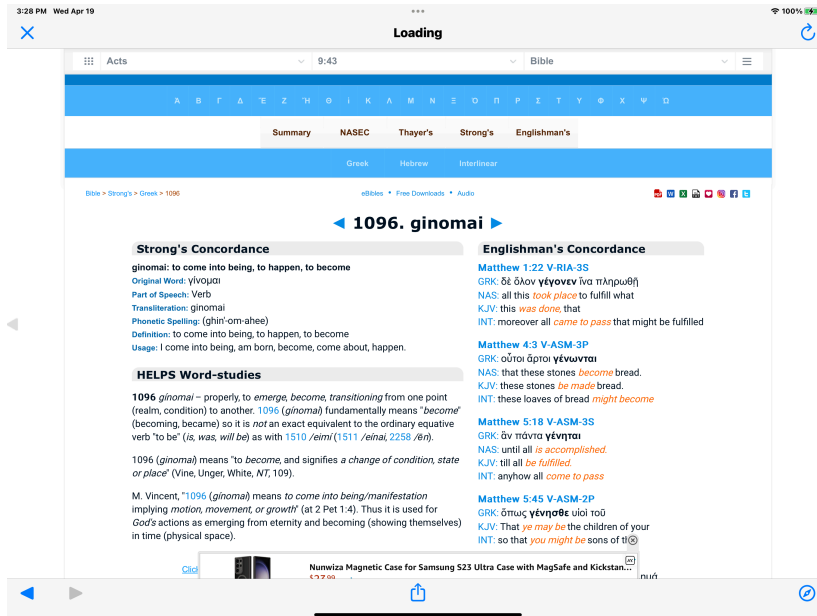
1 Corinthians 7:11 V-AMP-3S  
GRK: τῷ ἀνδρὶ *καταλαγίτω* καὶ ἀνδρα  
NAS: or else *be reconciled* to her husband,  
KJV: or *be reconciled* to [her] husband:  
INT: to the husband *be reconciled* and husband

2 Corinthians 5:18 V-APA-GMS  
GRK: θεοῦ τοῦ *καταλάξαντος* ἡμᾶς ἑαυτῷ  
NAS: who *reconciled* us to Himself

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-to “exchange” our fleshly lives for Godly lives. Always the theme of the Apostles warnings to the church.

\*become



-The “hope” of transitioning from immaturity to maturity.

\*Just because we have judicial right standing with God does not mean He is “Pleased” with us:

“Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Romans 8:8 ESV

“For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Galatians 1:10 ESV

“but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4 ESV

“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.”

1 Thessalonians 4:1, 3-4, 7-8 ESV

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.”

2 Timothy 2:3-4 ESV

The key to remaining “in Christ” is to be devoted to a daily need to receive power and nourishment in the vine. Only then will we bear the fruit of patience and endurance and have the strength to continue in our race. Remaining in Him gives us the nourishment to continue keeping our faith and keeping His words and commands...apart from Him we can do nothing!

“Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.”

1 John 3:4-6 ESV

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.”

Jude 1:20-23 ESV

#### Application/Contemplation:

1. Have you every been derailed from the direction you were heading?explain.
2. Have you ever decided to start eating healthy and then reverted back to your old diet? What was the outcome?
3. If you have ever gone astray like a sheep and felt the guilt of an outcast and the shame down deep in your soul, how did you respond to that feeling? Alcohol? Over eating? Drugs? Hiding? People pleasing? Any other addictions? What is the real solution? \*look up 1John 1:9

\*Remember be a good Berean and be diligent in studying the scriptures to show yourself approved and encourage others to do the same!