

Menō: A Guided Word Study

The Greek word *menō*, often translated into English as “abide,” occurs numerous times in the context of our yearly theme verse, John 17:17: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” We can learn more about abiding in truth by studying the word *menō*. In John 14 and 15, *menō* occurs *sixteen* times! These occurrences are listed on pages 29-30, along with some questions to guide your study of this section.

Keep in mind the keys to the Word’s interpretation taught in Power for Abundant Living Today. Biblical truths we must adhere to include getting “to whom it’s addressed” correct with consideration of the truths of the particular administration. Jesus’ words here in John are addressed to Israel in the Christ Administration. These words are for our learning in the Grace Administration. Jesus taught his disciples many things to prepare them for future events, some of which we can now look back on as accomplished realities (for example, the Father giving the comforter, in John 14:16).



John 14:10:

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that **dwelleth** [*menō*] in me, he doeth the works.

In whom does the Father dwell in verse 10?

John 14:16:

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he [it] **may abide** [*menō*] with you for ever.

Read ahead in this section of scripture to John 14:26. What is “the Comforter”?

Look up John 14:26 in the book *Receiving the Holy Spirit Today*, appendix III, for more information. What does “the Comforter” refer to?

John 14:17:

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he **dwelleth** [*menō*] with you, and shall be in you.

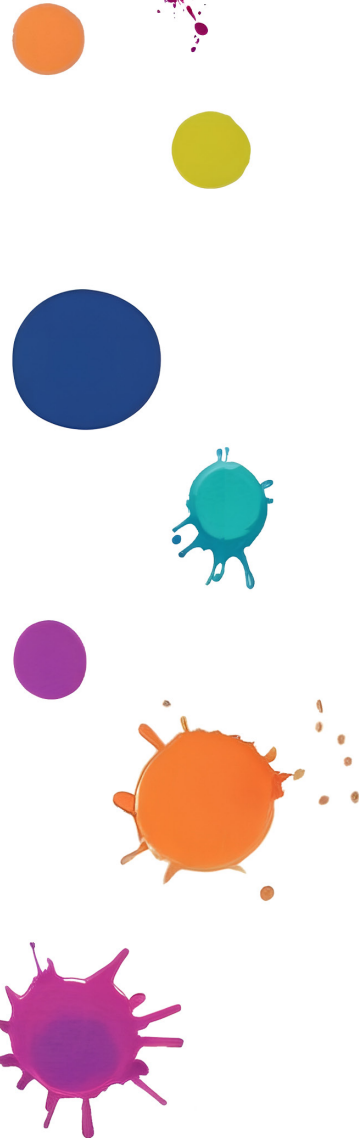
This verse foreshadows that the spirit of truth, the gift of holy spirit, would one day dwell in God’s people. When did this first become available? (Hint: Acts 2:1-4)

John 14:25:

These things have I spoken unto you, **being yet present** [*menō*] with you.

Carefully read John 14 to gain scope for “these things” in verse 25. Although Jesus frequently mentions his departure, he also assures the disciples that he will come again. How many times in John 14 does he refer to his coming? Write down the scripture references.

Today, we in the Grace Administration await the return of Christ and have the joy of understanding the great mystery, “which is _____, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).





John 15:4:

Abide [*menō*] in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide** [*menō*] in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide** [*menō*] in me.

Refer to your Listening with a Purpose questions in the *Abide in Truth* Study Guide (March/April 2024 issue). What does it mean to abide in Jesus Christ and have his words abide in us?

John 15:5:

I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that **abideth** [*menō*] in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

What is the result of abiding in Jesus Christ?

Read John 14:12. What can disciples with Christ in them do now when they believe?



John 15:6:

If a man **abide** [*menō*] not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

From this verse, what is the result of not abiding in Jesus Christ?

John 15:7:

If ye **abide** [*menō*] in me, and my words **abide** [*menō*] in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

What is a result of the Word abiding in disciples?



John 15:9:

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: **continue** [*menō*] ye in my love.

Read Ephesians 5:2 regarding Christ's love. He gave himself as an _____ and a _____. To walk in love as Christ loved, we also give. What kind of sacrifice are we to be, according to Romans 12:1?

John 15:10:

If ye keep my commandments, ye **shall abide** [*menō*] in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and **abide** [*menō*] in his love.

Jesus Christ set the example, keeping his Father's commandments and abiding in his Father's love. I John 5:3 gives clear direction on how to demonstrate love for God. To love God is to _____
_____.



John 15:11:

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy **might remain** [*menō*] in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Given the context of John 15:8, in verse 9 we see the _____'s love for the Son, and the Son's love for the _____. In verse 10 we see the _____ abiding in the Son's love, and the Son abiding in the _____'s love. Verse 11 declares the purpose for Jesus Christ speaking these things. What was the purpose? (Hint: "That" in verse 11 indicates purpose.)

John 15:16:

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit **should remain** [*menō*]: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Read John 15:16 in The Amplified Bible (1987). What additional insight does this version provide regarding the fruit the disciples would bring forth?