

The Joy of Remaining

John 15:9-11

Obedience and Joy: Do They Belong Together?

We are called* to _____ in Christ's love. (v. 9)

Love belongs to God's _____ nature and character. (1 John 4:8; John 17:24)

Through Christ, we are welcomed into the _____ of that divine love.
(1 John 1:3)

Every blessing of our _____ flows from God's love for us. (John 3:16;
1 John 4:9-10)

All that we are and all that we have in Christ is downstream from the love of God.

We remain/abide in Christ's love through _____ to His commands. (v. 10)

Christ's commands flow from His _____ and are always for our _____. (Deut. 10:12-13; Ps. 19:7-11; 1 John 5:3)

Our obedience is the _____ to His love, never the means of _____ it.
(John 14:15; Eph. 2:10; 1 John 4:19)

Obedience is essential to our continuing _____ with Christ. (John 14:21-23; 1 John 2:3-6)

Every command of Christ is an expression of His love, and every act of obedience is an expression of our trust in Him.

Christ calls us to remain in His love so that we may share His _____. (v. 11)

Obedience brings us into deeper _____ of the love in which we already stand. (Ps. 16:11)

The joy of obedience remains real even when obedience is _____. (Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet. 1:6-8)

The joy we begin to experience now will be _____ in eternity. (Rev. 21:3-4; 22:3-4)

The deepest joy we can ever know is found in the closest fellowship we can have with Christ.

What, then, does it mean to remain in His love?

_____ His love.

_____ His love.

_____ His commands.

_____ His fellowship.

One day, we will abide in His love without ever wandering, obey His commands without ever failing, and enjoy His presence with nothing to threaten our joy.

Until that day, rest in His love, trust His goodness, keep His commands, and find your joy in Him.