

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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Thank you so much for praying for me and supporting Abiding Above Ministries! I have just returned from doing a revival in Cleveland, Mississippi where God used the preaching of His Holy Word. We saw a number of hands raised indicating they prayed along with me to receive Christ, and a good number came forward and made the platform steps an altar where they prayed a simple prayer of surrender as a believer, *"I surrender control of everything in my life to you, Lord!"* Praise the Lord! To see this, my friend, is such a blessing!

I have learned through many years of ministry now that the aching of the child of God in this present age can be summed up with these words, *"Oh God, I must know something I don't know!"* My friend, this is the heart cry for personal revival! Sunday morning as we began a revival series, God led me to bring a message from **Matthew 7:13-14**. The title of the message was, ***"The Two Ways."***

You see, the gate of Christian discipleship is narrow and the way is difficult. But those who faithfully follow His teachings find the abundant life. On the other hand, there is the wide gate - the life of self-indulgence and pleasure and the end of such a life is destruction. This is not necessarily a discussion of losing one's soul, but of a failure to live out the purpose of one's existence. But, these verses also have an application to the gospel by depicting the two roads and destinies of the human race. The wide gate and broad way lead to destruction.

Proverbs 16:25 – *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."*

The narrow gate and difficult way lead to life, and Jesus is both the gate and the way.

Jesus said in **John 10:9** – *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."*

Jesus said in **John 14:6** – *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

I closed this message with, *"Which way have you decided upon?"*

The Sunday evening message was, **"How To Have Personal Revival"** which presented Who We Were, What God Did, and Who We Are Now. These ideas are beautifully expressed by the Apostle Paul in **Ephesians 2:1-10**.

"We were dead in our trespasses and sins, children of the disobedient one. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love saved us through the shed blood of His dear Son Jesus Christ. Now, we are seated with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus. We are now and forever more, trophies of His grace!" (paraphrased)

The third message of our revival meeting was, **"My Personal Testimony."** I shared with everyone sincerely, as God led me, the spiritual progression in my own life. I came to that point as a Christian, *"I must know something I don't know."* Then God used the teaching of His grace, the fact that Christ is in the believer, and the teaching that the believer is in Christ to take me out of a dull Christian experience into the life that is hidden with Christ in God - Colossians 3:1-3.

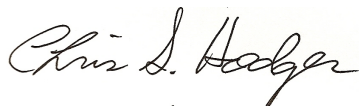
The fourth message was, **"Self, Our Own Worst Enemy,"** taken from the Apostle Paul's own testimony in **Romans 7:15-25**. Most of what we blame Satan for is of our own doing. But - praise God that we have the indwelling Holy Spirit, to strengthen us as we abide above the world, the flesh (self), and the devil.

Our last message was, **"The Work of the Holy Spirit."** There is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside of the true believer. He loves us in such a way that it can never be measured. He can also be quenched and grieved to that same degree. As we say yes to His still small voice and no to ourselves, His beautiful life comes right through our lives. To God be the glory!

I was also able to bring a message on the campus of Delta State University at the Baptist Student Union *"The Vine and the Branches."* These students were receptive and there was much conversation on what it means to have Christ living in you.

I love you, my friend, and am so grateful that you pray for me and this ministry. We need you! We especially need more financial support as we increase the number of radio stations we are on. Remember, as this message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His grace is clearly preached on radio, it goes out to many thousands through the airwaves! Please help us make this happen.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris S. Hodges
President
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Colossians 3:1-3