



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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When we first launched Abiding Above Ministries more than 10 years ago now, these were the basic purposes for our existence:

1. To share with the lost “Christ Died for You.”

People first and foremost need a personal relationship with God, even if they never grow into a fully devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. They must be born again, they must be born from above.

Jesus said to Nicodemus who had come to Him secretly by night, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” *John 3:3***

You see, Nicodemus was afraid of what people might think about him believing in Jesus, the Son of God. Nevertheless, Jesus still received him.

So, to share with the lost “Christ Died for You” is our first basic purpose.

Now, the second basic purpose for the existence of Abiding Above Ministries is:

2. To share with the saved “You Died with Christ.”

Once a person is truly saved, he needs to immediately grow in his basic knowledge of the Lord. Obviously, that has not been happening with the majority of those born again for a long time now.

Not to know and understand that **“You Died with Christ”** is the very first impediment to Christian maturity. Not knowing this does not mean you are not saved, but not knowing this will cause struggle and defeat in one’s Christian experience.

The Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 3:1-3a** - *“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh (self), as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly.”*

Here Paul is giving a name to a person who is saved but not growing spiritually. He calls them **“men of flesh”** and **“infants in Christ.”**



Chris Hodges
President & CEO



Notice, Paul is not saying they are not born again, he clearly says they are ***“in Christ”*** but, they are not growing spiritually, they are self-centered, and they are like a baby.

Here at Abiding Above Ministries, we see our mission this way, ***“To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, to encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.”***

You see, God’s Word is not mere intellectual light, but it is spiritual life. It is the eyes of our heart that need to be enlightened.

You need to begin today to read God’s Word as His love letter to you, and when you do, things will begin to change because you will begin to change.

Truth has a way of setting you free.

This is the reason we take people right where they are (discipleship), and guide them right to where God would have them to be. This is what you are supporting. We are reaching more individuals than ever before through our various radio broadcasts and other resources.

What is the desire of your heart? Do you want people to know that you are a follower of Jesus Christ, and that you support the ongoing work of the Gospel, or are you living in the shadow of this world? More than ever, the Word of God must go forth!

Thank you for loving us and supporting us. This letter is your letter, because you make discipleship possible by your generous gifts to this ministry.

We love you and thank God for you!

Abiding above,

President

Abiding Above Ministries

Colossians 3:1-3