



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

August 2021

What a joy to preach in New Jersey at America's Keswick for the fourth time since the founding of Abiding Above Ministries, 16 years ago!

Many came to the front to pray and receive Christ! Many Christians came to surrender control of their daily lives to the indwelling Holy Spirit!



What is in the name Keswick?

Keswick is an English market town and a civil parish, historically in Cumberland, England. It is within the area known as the Lake District.

What is the Keswick Convention?

The Keswick Convention is located in this Lake District of England. It is an annual gathering of conservative, evangelical Christians who have been blessed by what has become known as The Deeper Life Movement.

The very first Christian Keswick Convention was a tent revival in 1875 at Saint John's Church. As you walked into the tent, you walked under a banner that read, "*All One In Christ.*"



Americans would make the long journey each year to the English Keswick Convention until some decided to have an America's Keswick.

What is The Deeper Life Movement?

The Deeper Life Movement recognizes the fact that the true believer is already in Christ and Christ is already in him. That is our eternal true identity. We experience this deeper life daily by surrendering moment-by-moment to the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit. As we do, the fruit of the Holy Spirit is free to live in and through us as His children.

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control ...” Galatians 5:22-23*

Maybe one day I will have an opportunity to preach at the original English Keswick in England.

These are just a few names of those God has used world-wide as a result of this annual Keswick Convention: Andrew Murray, F.B. Meyer, Hudson Taylor, Amy Carmichael, R.A. Torrey, Billy Graham, John Scott, Stephen Olford, and Stuart Briscoe.

At one of the first America's Keswick, where I was the speaker, a man named David Ganz took notes of my sermons. The title of the series was “Abiding Above Life's Problems.” God began to take these words and marry them to a melody, and he wrote a song entitled, “Abiding Above.” Go to our website and listen to it: <http://abidingabove.org/> . You will be blessed!

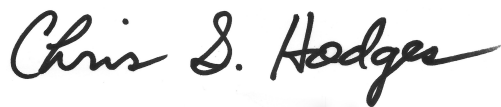
Also, you can listen to many sermons, and specifically sermons I preached at America's Keswick through our YouTube page. Just visit our home page and click on the YouTube icon located at the bottom of the page at: <https://abidingabove.org/> .

Please connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube. Remember also to tune in to Bott-Radio Network 640 AM Monday-Friday around 5:00 PM and KWAM Radio 107.9 FM and 990 AM each Sunday between 4:30 and 5:00 PM.

Pray for me and our team as we head to New York City to do raw street evangelism. There will be hundreds of thousands coming and participating in the 9-11 Memorial Event. It's hard to believe that it has been 20 years since we were all awakened to the attack on our nation's World Trade Center.

We plan to hand out 50,000 gospel tracts and engage in spiritual conversations to see many come to a saving relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ! Please pray and give as the Holy Spirit is leading you.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris S. Hodges

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Colossians 3:1-3

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