

The Offer

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Two Options

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Option One: Remain In Me

One translation: Abide in me

John 6:37, 40

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. . . . For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:57

As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.”

Colossians 1:23

Continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel.”

Option Two: Go It Alone

I can do it myself.

Problem : Apart from me you can do nothing

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James 5 :13-16

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Four Outcomes for Those Who Abide.

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1: You Ask and Receive

Matthew 7:7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

James 4:1-3

1 Where do wars and fights among you come from? Do they not come from your lusts that war in your body? **2** You lust and do not have, so you kill. You desire to have and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have, because you do not ask. **3** You ask, and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your passions.

2: You Will Bring Glory to God.

Isaiah 43:7

“...even everyone who is called by My name, for I have created him for My glory; I have formed him, and I have made him.”

3: You Bear Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control; against such there is no law.

Go therefore into all the world and make disciples!

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men!

4: You Will Demonstrate to the World Whose You Are