

1 John 3:6

by John Gill

This sermon explores the significance of abiding in Christ and the implications of living a life free from sin for true believers.

Scripture: John 15:4

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Description

John Gill emphasizes the significance of abiding in Christ, likening it to a branch's connection to a vine, which provides essential spiritual sustenance. He clarifies that while believers may still sin, they do not live in a continuous state of sin, as this contradicts their relationship with Christ. Gill warns that those who persist in sin demonstrate a lack of true faith and communion with Christ, indicating they have not genuinely seen or known Him. The sermon highlights the importance of a transformative relationship with Jesus that leads to a life reflecting His holiness.

Transcript

Ver. 6. Whosoever abideth in him,... As the branch in the vine, deriving all light, life, grace, holiness, wisdom, strength, joy, peace, and comfort from Christ; or dwells in him by faith, enjoys communion with him as a fruit of union to him; and stands fast in him, being rooted and grounded in him, and abides by him, his truths and ordinances, takes up his rest, and places his security in him, and perseveres through him:

sinneth not; not that he has no sin in him, or lives without sin, but he does not live in sin, nor give up himself to a vicious course of life; for this would be inconsistent with his dwelling in Christ, and enjoying communion with him:

whosoever sinneth; which is not to be understood of a single action, but of a course of sinning:

hath not seen him, neither known him; that is, he has never seen Christ with an eye of faith; he has never truly and spiritually seen the glory, beauty, fulness, and suitableness of Christ, his need, and the worth of him; he has never seen him so as to enjoy him, and have communion with him; for what communion hath Christ with Belial, or light with darkness, or righteousness with unrighteousness? 2Co 6:14, nor has he ever savingly known him, or been experimentally acquainted with him; for though he may profess to know him in words, he denies him in works.

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