Northwest Bible Church – July 17, 2016 – Worship Service – Alan Conner

**Jn. 15:1-11**

*Abiding in Christ*

Intro

**A. The importance of abiding in Christ.**

 1) key to a vital, fruitful, blessed Christian life. John 15:4

 2) key to answered prayer. Jn. 15:7.

 3) key to much fruit which glorifies the Father. Jn. 15:8.

 4) key to assurance. Jn. 15:8.

 5) key to joy. Jn. 15:11.

**B. The Consequences of not abiding (v. 2).**

 1) Taken away (v. 2), thrown away (v. 6)

 2) No fruit (v. 4).

**C. How do we “abide in Christ”?**

 1) **Union** with Christ,

 2) **Communion** with Christ.

 a) General:

 b) Specific:

 1- abide in the Word (v. 7) – John 8:31

 2- abide in His love (vv. 9-10) - 1 Jn. 4:6

 3- abide patiently when pruned – 15:2

 4- abide in humility – 15:4-5

Conclusion