

Jesus, God's Son, is our Model for Continual Abiding

1. The Son was the perfect "Branch" of God. (Old Testament prophecies.)

Isa. 4:2 On that day **the Branch of the LORD** will be beautiful and glorious,...

Isa. 11:1-5 Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, and **a branch** from his roots will bear fruit... (See also Rom. 15:12)

Jer. 23:5-6 "The days are coming"—this is the LORD's declaration—"when I will raise up **a Righteous Branch** of David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land."

Jer. 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause **a Righteous Branch** to sprout up for David, and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Zech. 3:8 "Listen, Joshua ... I am about to bring My servant, **the Branch.**"

Zech. 6:12-13 ... This is what the LORD of Hosts says: Here is a man **whose name is Branch**; He will branch out from His place and build the LORD's temple....

2. As a branch the Son was not the source of what He said or did, He was a usable vessel, constantly available to the Father.

Deuteronomy 18:18 I (*God*) will raise up for them a prophet like you (*Moses*) from among their brothers. **I will put My words in his mouth**, and he will tell them **everything I command him**.

John 3:32 (*John the Baptist said*) He testifies to **what He has seen and heard**,...

5:19 ... "I assure you: The Son is **not able to do anything on His own**, but only what He sees the Father doing." ...

5:30 "**I can do nothing on My own**. I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

7:16 Jesus answered them, "**My teaching isn't Mine** but is from the One who sent Me."

8:16 And if I do judge, My judgment is true, because **I am not alone**, but I and the Father who sent Me judge together.

8:26 "... **what I have heard from Him—these things I tell** the world."

8:28 ... Jesus said ... I do **nothing on My own**. But just as the Father taught Me, I say these things.

8:38 I speak **what I have seen in the presence of the Father**....

12:49-50 "For **I have not spoken on My own**, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a command as to what I should say and what I should speak. I know that His command is eternal life. So the things that I speak, **I speak just as the Father has told Me**."

14:24 ... **The word that you hear is not Mine** but is from the Father who sent Me.

14:31 ... that the world may know that I love the Father. **Just as the Father commanded Me, so I do**....

15:15 ... I have made known to you **everything I have heard from My Father**.

17:8 (*Jesus to His Father*) ... because **the words that You gave Me**, I have given them....

Phil. 2:5-7 ... Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, ... **emptied Himself** by assuming the form of **a slave**....

3. The Son is the visible manifestation of the invisible God.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed **His glory**, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.
10:37-38 “If I am not doing **My Father’s works**, don’t believe Me. But if I am doing them and you don’t believe Me, **believe the works**. This way you will know and understand that **the Father is in Me** and **I in the Father**.”
12:44-45 Then Jesus cried out, “The one who believes in Me believes not in Me, **but in Him who sent Me**. And the one who sees Me sees **Him who sent Me**.”
14:9 (*Jesus said to Philip*) **The one who has seen Me has seen the Father**....
14:10-11 ... The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. **The Father who lives in Me does His works**. Believe Me that I am in the Father and **the Father is in Me**.
Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.
Isa. 9:6 For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, ... He will be named ... **Mighty God, Eternal Father**....
2 Cor. 4:4 ... Christ, who is **the image of God**.
Col. 1:15 **He is the image of the invisible God**....
Heb. 1:3 The Son is **the radiance of God’s glory** and **the exact expression of His nature**....

4. The Son did not seek to please people to win their praise, but sought only to please His Father.

Matt. 26:36-44 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, ... Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, “My Father! **If it is possible**, let this cup pass from Me. **Yet not as I will, but as You will**.” ... Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, **Your will be done**.” ... He went away again and prayed a third time, **saying the same thing once more**.
John 4:34 “My food is **to do the will of Him** who sent Me and to finish **His** work,” Jesus told them.”
5:30 “I can do nothing on My own. I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is righteous, **because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**.”
5:41 “**I do not accept glory from men**.”
6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My will, but **the will of Him** who sent Me.
7:18 The one who speaks for himself seeks his own glory. But **He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him** is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
8:29 “The One who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because **I always do what pleases Him**.”
8:50 **I do not seek My glory**; the One who seeks it also judges.
8:54 “**If I glorify Myself**,” Jesus answered, “**My glory is nothing**. My Father— ... He is the One who glorifies Me.”
12:27-28 “Now My soul is troubled. What should I say—Father, save Me from this hour? But **that is why I came** to this hour. Father, glorify **Your** name!” ...

5. The Son totally entrusted Himself into His Father's care. He knew His Father was sovereign and totally trustworthy.

Matt. 26:39 ... He fell facedown and prayed, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet **not as I will, but as You will.**"

John 7:28 ... **I have not come on My own**, but the One who sent Me is true....

19:10-11 So Pilate said to Him, "You're not talking to me? Don't You know that I have the authority to release You and the authority to crucify You?" "You would have **no authority over Me at all**," Jesus answered him, "**if it hadn't been given you from above.**" ...

Phil. 2:8 **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient** to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

Heb. 5:8-9 Though He was God's Son, **He learned obedience through what He suffered.** After He was perfected, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

1 Pet. 2:21-23 ... when He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He was suffering, He did not threaten but **entrusted Himself to the One** who judges justly.

6. God wants me to have that same "abiding" relationship with Him.

John 14:12 "I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And **he will do even greater works than these**, because I am going to the Father."

15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. **The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit**, because you can do nothing without Me."

17:3 (*Jesus prayed to His Father*) **This is eternal life**: that they may **know You**, the only true God, and the One You have sent—**Jesus Christ**.

17:14 ... **they are not of the world**, as I am not of the world.

17:18 **As** You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

17:23 **I am in them** and **You are in Me**. May they be made **completely one**, so the world may know You have sent Me and have loved them **as** You have loved Me.

17:26 I made Your name known to them and will make it known, so the **love** You have loved Me with **may be in them and I may be in them**.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "... **As** the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Matt. 10:40 "**The one who welcomes you welcomes Me**, and the one who welcomes Me welcomes Him who sent Me."

Rom. 8:29 For those He foreknew He also **predestined** to be conformed to **the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

2 Cor. 3:18 We **all**, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory;...

Phil. 2:5-7 **Make your own attitude** that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. Instead He **emptied Himself** by assuming the form of **a slave**,...

1 Pet. 2:21-23 For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you **an example, so that you should follow in His steps**....

1 John 2:6 The one who says he remains in Him should walk just **as** He walked.