



LISTENING GUIDE

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Prepared to Press Forward

John 15:3-4

This morning as we continue our teaching series called *The Abiding Life*, our attention is drawn to John 15:3-4. Let's examine these verses, then, to discover why Christians are ***prepared to press forward***.

Notice...

I. The Spiritual _____ of Christians (v.3)

- Jesus' apostles, and all Christians, are ***clean*** because of the gospel of Christ.
 - See *John 13:1-11* and *1 Corinthians 6:11*
- ***Positional sanctification*** = a Christian's initial spiritual cleansing (salvation, justification)
- ***Progressive sanctification*** = a Christian's continual spiritual cleansing

II. The Spiritual _____ of Christians (v.4)

- ***Abide*** means "to remain," or "to stay in relation"
- Jesus emphasized a _____ relationship!