

Just as you received the Lord Jesus by faith, so it is the same principle of faith that enables you to appropriate the sufficiency of the Lord Jesus Christ to meet every demand of life. In other words: Your initial act of faith opened the door for you to adopt a continual attitude of faith. *“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”* Colossians 2:6. Just before the Lord Jesus left His disciples to go to the cross and then return to Heaven, He said: *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me”* John 15:4.

With this exhortation He gave us the key how to live the Christian life by faith. Imagine if you will, a metal poker in a fire. When you look at it you could say: “The poker is in the fire”. But, if you look more closely you would observe that the poker itself is red-hot. At which time, it would be quite right to then say: “The fire is in the poker!” Likewise, imagine a cup when it is plunged into a bucket of water. The cup is in the water, but the water is also in the cup! From a human perspective, because the risen Lord, through the Holy Spirit, abides in the heart of a believer; family, friends and fellow workers will be introduced to a quality of life that can only be explained in terms of the indwelling Christ. The glorious fact is that, **from God’s point of view, a believer abides in His Son—there to be kept and protected until safely arriving in Heaven!** Glorious indeed!