How many ways can we do to remain in Jesus, in God? What is the measure to know that Jesus remains in us?

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Abstract

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Introduction

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Discussion

Firstly, to remain in God's love, God must have a close relationship with Him. Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the sacraments are the most effective remedies for us to get God's grace because Jesus established the sacraments to communicate His divine power to us, especially the Eucharist. For example, a vine imparts vitality to a branch to produce more fruit. We also are shared in God's divine nature when we are received His truly Body and Blood. Thus, if we bear fruit with a holy life as Jesus did, we are in God's love, which means that He is also in us.

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The second way that we stay in God's love is that we must absorb God's Word. Pope Francis shared that learning God's Word will help us have directions and a foundation for our lives. As an example of Jesus, He spent a lot of time praying to the Father to know what the Father wanted him to do. Therefore, if we want to stay in God's love, we must stay in His Word by learning His Word to know what His will is. We can then ask for anything because he is already in us (John, 2021).

Finally, to be achieved God's salvation, we must carry out His commandments. Jesus said that His food was to carry out the will of His Father, and He also wanted us to do God's Word for our everlasting life (Luke, 2021). Indeed, we are reminded in the first letter of Saint John that those who keep the commandments of God remain in God, and God dwells in Him. Thus, the execution of God's Word is our ticket to becoming Kingdom citizens, His brothers, and sisters.

Conclusion

Overall, studying God's Word and implementing God's commandments, and receiving the sacraments diligently are ways for us to remain in God's love. We are attached to Him like a branch attached to the trunk of a vine. Thus, we are conformed to Him; we have His strength to carry out His will as a witness to God with the beautiful and holy fruits of our lives. It is a solid and clear sign for others to know that God is with us. That is, we are living in God's grace.

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