

What Does it Mean to Be "In Christ"

Romans 8:1-2

_____ times in his epistles Paul uses the phrase, "In Christ."

Spiritually before we met Jesus we WERE (past tense) ALL "In _____" and we were dead spiritually, but when we place our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are NOW (present tense) alive spiritually, "In _____."

1st Corinthians 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Tonight I want us to look at what it means to be in Christ.

5 things:

I. In Christ we become a NEW _____.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

3 things happen when we place our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Our _____ has been changed. Romans 8:1

Our old life is now in the _____ view mirror! T.Y.J.

2. Our _____ is changing. Romans 8:29

"conforming to the image of Jesus" day by day more like Jesus

3. Our _____ will be changed.

1st John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

II. In Christ we have a NEW _____.

Colossians 3:1-2 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

When we trust Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior our perspective is more

_____ (upward) than _____ (downward).

2 Key words: Seek & Set

III. In Christ we will have NEW _____. Matthew 6:33

_____ will be important _____ will be important

This _____ (God's house) will be important.

Can I Have a Witness ??

IV. In Christ we have a NEW _____.

Jesus told His disciples in **Acts 1:8** *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.....*

One of the ways we know that we know we've truly been saved is God's Spirit will bear..... Romans 8:16

At the moment of our conversion God the Holy Spirit (Christ in us) takes up residence in our lives and He will never leave us nor forsake us.

The Holy Spirit has a 7-fold ministry in our lives as believers in Christ:

1. He _____ our relationship with Jesus. Can't get saved without the H.S. who convicts and convinces us of our need for Jesus. John 16:8
2. He _____ us to live for Jesus. Acts 1:8 1st John 4:4
3. He _____ us to serve Jesus.

Ephesians 5:18 Filling of the Spirit for _____ & _____.

Psalm 92:10 Anointing of the Spirit for _____ & _____.

4. He _____ us. **John 14:16** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever*
5. He _____ us (minds) to Spiritual truth. **John 14:26** *But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.* Jn. 16:13

The H.S. is our resident theologian living in us.

6. He _____ our prayer life. Romans 8:26-27
7. He _____ the Savior. **John 15:26** *But when the Comforter comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

V. In Christ we will have a NEW _____.

1. We shall _____ Jesus "never more like Jesus....."

We haven't been called to be _____ but _____ !

2. We shall _____ Jesus Psalm 107:2

3. We shall _____ ready to meet Jesus

1st John 2:28 *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

In a nut shell our new purpose is:

_____ for Jesus

_____ for Jesus

_____ for Jesus CBT