

Bible Study

In Adam? Or In Christ?

Introduction: In Corinthians, Paul addresses Christians who were living in sexual sin. Today, many men attending church are deceived. Paul said their "minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3b). When we embrace our identity "In Christ" we will change God's way. God's Holy Spirit sanctifies the heart so that the outward fruit reflects "Christ!" Our faith and practice of living "In Christ" determines the amount glory we reflect to God. "As all of us reflect the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, we are being transformed into the same image with ever-increasing glory by the Lord's Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18 ISV). We all are walking down one of two roads either God's Highway to Holiness or the way to hell.

The Bible Says...

1. There is a very big difference between those who are in Adam and those "In Christ!" (1 Cor. 6:9-11) List the differences...
2. Living "In Christ" is not earned. Our righteous standing before God is based solely upon the work of Christ. We are no longer in Adam but "In Christ." Complete 2 Cor. 5:17...
3. There are those who would rather worship God through works than faith. How are we justified? (Gal. 2:4, 16)
4. We are grafted into the vine and made holy "In Him." What is different about our moral condition? (2 Cor. 5:17)

5. What did Jesus teach about living "In Him?" (John 6:56)
6. What about the fruit from the worship of Him? (John 15:5)
7. This is critical to understanding your victory over habitual sins. If we are "In Him" we will bear fruit for...(John 15:5)
8. What key unlocks God's saving power? (Gal. 3:26)
9. (Read Ephesians 1:10-20) God worked His divine plan from creation until Christ. The fathers of faith hoped in? (Eph. 1:12)
10. God's grace is released through Christ. For what purpose are we created "In Christ?" (Eph. 2:6-10)
11. How are those born in Adam now brought near to God? (Eph. 2:13)
12. Christ death is a very powerful thing. Without His resurrection we would still be chained to sins. He died so that... (2 Cor. 5:14-15).
13. Are Christians to walk according to the flesh? (2 Cor. 5:16)
14. Those "In Christ" are now? (2 Cor. 5:17)
15. The Devil no longer has any power over us. What does Paul tell the Corinthians to do about sinful behaviors? (1 Cor. 6:12 CEV)

16. God did this work "In Christ in order to do what? (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

17. This reconciliation makes us become? (2 Cor. 5:21)

While living in this world we can feel the duplicity of our standing. We can see our sins that are tied to Adam and in faith know we are Holy "In Christ." Even though, Christians are holy and completely justified "In Christ," we must fight the day to day battles of sins in Adam.

18. Can Christ cause us to sin? (Gal. 2:17)

19. Although, we live in the flesh, what happened on the cross to your sinful flesh? (Gal. 2:20)

Test: Who you are "In Christ!"

1. In Christ I am a new...(2 Cor. 5:17)
2. In Christ I am...(Col. 1:28; 2:11)
3. In Christ I am...(Rom. 3:24; 4:5; 1 Cor. 1:30)
4. In Christ I boast of His...(Rom. 15:17; 2 Tim. 2:10)
5. In Christ I am...(Eph. 4:32; Acts 10:43)
6. In Christ I am...(1 Cor. 1:2, 30; Phil. 3:9)
7. In Christ I am...(Eph. 2:6, 13; 2 Cor. 13:4)
8. In Christ I have been made...(Gal. 2:4)

9. In Christ I am...(1 John 3:6, 9)
10. In Christ I am...(Rom. 6:11; 8:1-2)
11. In Christ I am...(1 Cor. 15:31; 4:10)
12. In Christ I have been made...(1 Cor. 15:22; John 1:4)
13. In Christ...(John 6:56, 15:5; Acts 17:28; 1 John)
14. In Christ I have...(John 3:15-16; 4:14; 6:40)
15. In Christ I have...(1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:3)
16. In Christ I receive...(Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13; Acts 2:38)
17. In Christ I have obtained...(2 Cor. 1:20; Eph. 3:6; 1:10-12, 18-20)
18. In Christ I am...(Gal. 3:26)
19. In Christ I am His...(Eph. 2:10; Phi. 3:14; 2 Tim. 1:1)
20. In Christ my heart and mind are...(Phi. 4:7)
21. In Christ I am filled with...(1 Tim. 1:14; 3:13)
22. In Christ I shall never be...(Rom. 9:33)
23. In Christ I live...(2 Cor. 2:14)
24. In Christ...(2 Cor. 3:14)
25. In Christ I will be...(2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:16; 5:10; Phi. 1:29)
26. In Christ I am never...(Rom. 8:39)

The Gospel's salvation message is a simple. Changing God's way comes by power of the Holy Spirit wrought through willing repentant hearts. This is the end to the beginning of your walk on God's Highway of Holiness. Now continue your journey on Christ's Highway to Holiness.

Prayer:

I am a man/woman seeking to know God's revelation. I can see it in His Word, "In Christ," and being filled with His Holy Spirit. Therefore I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom. May I change Your way and reflect your glory. I will continually be transformed into Christ image with ever-increasing glory by the Holy. In the resurrected Jesus Christ I pray. Amen. (Adapted from: Col. 3:1b; Gal 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:17-18)

Action: Continue to study your position "In Christ." Use the **Further Study** resources below, check your answers with the key, and use the "In Christ" bible verses to confess and reinforce your faith and standing with Christ. You are seated with Him in the Heavens and will forever be a child of God! May His blessing be upon you as you diligently seek Him.

Further Study:

- Book: Neil T. Anderson, *Who I Am In Christ*, (Ventura: Regal Books, 2001).
- Internet: "Encouraging Bible Quotes," available from *I Lift My Eyes Ministries*, <<http://encouragingbiblequotes.com>> (accessed September 24, 2010).
- Dennis Nelson, FREE RESOURCES, www.thegreatstory.info/resources.html.
- Video: Mark Tedder, "Let Us Be Broken (We're Taller When We Bow)" available from YouTube, <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjYL2BT4pbM&p=B64E833F541BB6FD&playnext=1&index=26>> (accessed September 10, 2010).
- Audio: R.C. Sproul, "The Holiness of God," available from *Desiring God*, <http://www.desiringgod.org/download.php?file=/media/audio/conferences/bcp2007/20070205_sproul_1.mp3> (accessed September 27, 2010).

Bible Study #12:

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1. In Adam: no blessing from God, no share in God's kingdom. In Christ: Washed by the Holy Spirit, made holy, made acceptable.
2. "Therefore if any person is [in grafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come! "
3. Faith in Christ.
4. "He is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come! "
5. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him."
6. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."
7. "Apart from Me you can do nothing."
8. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."
9. Christ.
10. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."
11. "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Eph. 2:13)
12. "They who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him."
13. No.
14. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."
15. "Some of you say, 'We can do anything we want to.' But I tell you that not everything is good for us. So I refuse to let anything have power over me."
16. "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
17. "The righteousness of God in Him."
18. No, "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!"
19. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Test: Who you are "In Christ!"

1. In Christ I am a new...(2 Cor. 5:17)
 - a. Creation.
2. In Christ I am...(Col. 1:28; 2:11)
 - a. Complete.
3. In Christ I am...(Rom. 3:24; 4:5; 1 Cor. 1:30)
 - a. Redeemed and justified from my sins.
4. In Christ I boast of His...(Rom. 15:17; 2 Tim. 2:10)
 - a. Redemption and saved from my sins.
5. In Christ I am...(Eph. 4:32; Acts 10:43)
 - a. Forgiven from my sins.
6. In Christ I am...(1 Cor. 1:2, 30; Phil. 3:9)
 - a. Righteous, sanctified, and holy.
7. In Christ I am...(Eph. 2:6, 13; 2 Cor. 13:4)
 - a. Seated with him in the heavenly places.
8. In Christ I have been made...(Gal. 2:4)
 - a. Free from the bondages of sin.
9. In Christ I am...(1 John 3:6, 9)
 - a. Without sin.
10. In Christ I am...(Rom. 6:11; 8:1-2)
 - a. Dead to sin and there is now no condemnation.
11. In Christ I am...(1 Cor. 15:31; 4:10)
 - a. A dead man.
12. In Christ I have been made...(1 Cor. 15:22; John 1:4)
 - a. Alive.
13. In Christ...(John 6:56, 15:5; Acts 17:28; 1 John)
 - a. He abides in me.
14. In Christ I have...(John 3:15-16; 4:14; 6:40)
 - a. Eternal life.
15. In Christ I have...(1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:3)
 - a. The blessings and graces of God upon my life.
16. In Christ I receive...(Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13; Acts 2:38)
 - a. The promises of the Holy Spirit.
17. In Christ I have obtained (2 Cor. 1:20; Eph. 3:6; 1:10-12, 18-20)
 - a. An inheritance of the promises of God.
18. In Christ I am...(Gal. 3:26)
 - a. A son of the living God.
19. In Christ I am His...(Eph. 2:10; Phil. 3:14; 2 Tim. 1:1)
 - a. Workmanship created for His good works.
20. In Christ my heart and mind are...(Phil. 4:7)
 - a. Filled with the peace of God.
21. In Christ I am filled with...(1 Tim. 1:14; 3:13)
 - a. Faith and love.
22. In Christ I shall never be...(Rom. 9:33)
 - a. Disappointed.
23. In Christ I live...(2 Cor. 2:14)
 - a. A triumphant life of victory.
24. In Christ...(2 Cor. 3:14)
 - a. The veil has been removed.
25. In Christ I will be...(2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:16; 5:10; Phil. 1:29)
 - a. Tested and persecuted.
26. In Christ I am never...(Rom. 8:39).
 - a. Separated from the love of God

In Christ!

In Christ, I have all the promises of God.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (2 Cor. 1:20-22 ESV).

In Christ, I am a new creation.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17 NASB). The Amplified version adds these nuances. "Therefore if any person is in grafted in Christ the Messiah he is a new creation a new creature altogether; the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!" (2 Cor. 5:17 AMP).

In Christ, I am complete.

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ" (Col. 1:28 NASB). "In Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Col. 2:11 NASB).

In Christ, I am redeemed and justified from my sins.

"Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24 NASB).

"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness" (Rom. 4:5 NASB).

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30 NASB).

"Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified" (Gal. 2:16 NASB).

"But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe" (Gal. 3:22 NASB).

In Christ, I boast of His redemption and salvation.

"Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God" (Rom. 15:17 NASB).

"For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory" (2 Tim. 2:10 NASB).

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7 NASB).

In Christ, I am forgiven from my sins.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32 NASB).

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins" (Acts 10:43 NASB).

In Christ, I am righteous, sanctified, and holy.

"To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours" (1 Cor. 1:2 NASB).

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30 NASB).

"Found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith" (Phi. 3:9 NASB).

"Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity" (2 Tim. 1:9 NASB).

"Even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction" (Rom. 3:22 NASB).

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21 NASB).

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love" (Eph. 1:4 NASB).

"Found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith" (Phi. 3:9 NASB).

In Christ, I am seated with him in the heavenly places.

"And raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6 NASB).

"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13 NASB).

"For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you" (2 Cor. 13:4 NASB).

In Christ, I have been made free from the bondages of sin.

"But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage" (Gal. 2:4 NASB).

In Christ, I am without sin.

"You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him" (1 John 3:6 NASB).

"No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9 NASB).

In Christ, I am dead to sin and there is now no condemnation.

"Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:11 NASB).

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death (Rom. 8:1-2 NASB).

In Christ, I am a dead man.

"I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (1 Cor. 15:31 NASB).

"We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor" (1 Cor. 4:10 NASB).

In Christ, I have been made alive.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22 NASB).

"In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men" (John 1:4 NASB).

In Christ, He abides in me.

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him" (John 6:56 NASB).

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5 NASB).

"For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children' (Acts 17:28 NASB).

"So that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thes. 1:12 NASB).

"Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming" (1 John 2:28 NASB).

"The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (1 John 3:24 NASB).

"By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit" (1 John 4:13 NASB).

"We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 John 4:16 NASB).

In Christ, I have eternal life.

"So that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15-16 NASB).

"But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14 NASB).

"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:40 NASB). "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23 NASB).

"Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Tim. 1:16 NASB).

"And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" (1 John 5:11 NASB).

In Christ, I have the blessings and graces of God upon my life.

"I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:4 NASB).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3 NASB).

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:1 NASB).

In Christ, I receive the promise(s) of the Holy Spirit.

"In Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:14 NASB).

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13 NASB).

In Christ, I have obtained an inheritance and the promises of God.

"For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us" (2 Cor. 1:20 NASB).

"To be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph. 3:6 NASB). "With a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first

to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory" (Eph. 1:10-12 NASB).

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:18-20 NASB).

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phi. 4:19 NASB).

"Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus" (Rev. 14:12 NASB).

In Christ, I am a son/daughter of the living God.

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26 NASB).

In Christ, I am His workmanship created for His good works.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them" (Eph. 2:10 NASB).

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phi. 3:14 NASB).

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1 NASB).

In Christ, my heart and mind are filled with the peace of God.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7 NASB).

In Christ, I am filled with faith and love.

"And the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 1:14 NASB).

"For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 3:13 NASB).

In Christ, I shall never be disappointed.

"Just as it is written, 'BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED'" (Rom. 9:33 NASB).

In Christ, I live a triumphant life of victory.

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14 NASB).

In Christ, the veil has been removed.

"But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ" (2 Cor. 3:14 NASB).

In Christ, I will be tested and persecuted.

"Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12 NASB).

"Keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame" (1 Pet. 3:16 NASB).

"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you" (1 Pet. 5:10 NASB).

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Phi. 1:29 NASB).

In Christ, I shall never be separated from the love of God.

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:39 NASB).