



SUNDAY SERMON

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: In Christ

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Key Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-13 (NKJV)

Introduction

We need to know and understand what it means to be in Christ!

The Apostle Paul used the phrase “In Christ” over 160 times. It is the key to discovering the fullness of what God has for us.

John 15:5 (NIV) – “Apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Before we can experience being in Christ, a radical transformation needs to take place. We need to be born again, because our fallen human nature and the Spirit of God cannot go together.

John 1:12-13 (NKJV) – “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

It is essential that we are born again. That a divine and supernatural birth takes place in our hearts, where we are born from above, born of God.

God’s purpose and plan is that we experience oneness with Him. When we are born again, we are in Him and He is in us.

John 15:4 “Abide in Me, and I in you.”

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) – “But he who is joined to the Lord is ONE SPIRIT with Him.”

Illustration

Glass with water in it. Add a teaspoon of sugar and stir. It becomes sugar water. The two become one.

Some people are in Christian schools, families, Bible studies, even churches, but they are not in Christ. We must be born again and receive the Holy Spirit.

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Ephesians 1:1-13 (NKJV) – “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful **in Christ Jesus**: ... ³ 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**, ⁴ just as He chose us **in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted **in the Beloved**. ⁷ **In Him** we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ... ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—**in Him**. ¹¹ **In Him** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted **in Christ** should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ **In Him** you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; **in whom** also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

1. WHAT WE ARE IN CHRIST

- We are new creatures in Christ. (2 Cor 5:17)
- We are redeemed and forgiven in Christ. (Eph 1:7)
- We are no longer under condemnation. (Rom 8:1)
- We are fellow heirs and partakers of the promises. (Eph 3:6)
- We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph 2:6)
- We are all one in Christ. (Gal 3:28)
- We are chosen in Christ. (Eph 1:4)
- We are complete in Him. (Col 2:10)

2. WHAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST

- We have been blessed with all spiritual blessings. (Eph 1:3)
- We have received new life in Christ. (Rom 8:2)
- We have received an inheritance in Christ. (Eph 1:11)
- We have received victory through Christ. (2 Cor 2:14)
- We have received all the promises of God. (2 Cor 1:20)
- We have bold & confident access to God. (Eph 3:12)

3. WHAT WE CAN DO BECAUSE WE ARE IN CHRIST

- We have authority over all the power of the enemy. (Luke 10:19)
- We have authority over evil spirits and to heal disease. (Matt 10:1)
- We have authority to bind and loose. (Matt 18:18)

