

Your Identity in Christ I am in Christ

If you are a Christian, you are in Christ. At the moment of salvation, God places you in all of the security, protection and blessing that being in Christ offers to anyone. You may have yet to realize this but being in Christ is one the most profound things about you.

Here are some statements that are true of you because you are in Christ.

In Christ: You have received saving grace. (1 Cor 1:4)

Life Application: You also receive daily grace in Christ.

In Christ: You have been saved. (Romans 3:24)

Life Application: You are being saved from the power of sin.

In Christ: You have forgiveness of sins in Christ. (Eph 4:32)

Life Application: You have the everyday ability to keep company with Jesus. You are never alone.

In Christ: There is no condemnation. (Rom 8:1)

Life Application: Confidence in knowing that you are never rejected or abandoned.

In Christ: You were chosen before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:4)

Life Application: You have been chosen to live a meaningful life as an ambassador for Christ.

In Christ: You are loved with an unconditional and unbreakable love. (Rom 8:38-39)

Life Application: This type of gospel confidence can encourage you to take risks.

In Christ: You are a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)

Life Application: This new person is the person you need to be in order to become an effective parent or married person or single adult.

In Christ: You are empowered by the HS. (Phil 2:12-13)

Life Application: Abundant life is your reasonable expectation.

The contrast in Romans 5:12-19

Adam

Jesus

One trespass = death

One gift = Life

Condemnation

Justification

Death

Life

Here are your options. You are either in Adam or in Christ.

If you are in Adam, you will die physically and then you will go out into eternity and face spiritual death.

If you are in Christ, you will die physically and then you will go out into eternity with spiritual life.

If in Adam, you live in your own strength and your own resources.

If in Christ, you get to pursue the life that God has for you empowered by the HS

Everyone who has ever been born into this world has been born in Adam.

Everyone who is a Christian has been born again, meaning, they are alive in Christ.

Here's where it gets very sobering. You are either in Adam or you are in Christ. There is no door #3.

At the heart of being a Christian, is a new identity. To be a Christian is not to lose your identity, it's to find your identity – not in yourself but in Jesus.

Home Group Discussion Questions:

1. Read the passage, Romans 5:12-19 in your group. As you reflect on this passage and the teaching you heard Sunday morning or online, is there anything you found particularly helpful or challenging?
2. Discuss the contrast between Adam and Jesus that Paul uses in this passage. Try to ask/answer probing questions:
 - What do you have if you are in Adam?
 - What do you have if you are in Christ?
 - What does condemnation mean?
 - What does justification mean?
3. Discuss the concept of representation. Both Adam and Jesus represented you.
 - Are there any aspects of this representation that you don't like?
 - Are there any aspects of this representation that you do like?
4. Before you discuss the next two questions, please read the statements on the front of this outline that are true of you because you are in Christ.
 - Can you think of any false beliefs or unbiblical thinking that the reality of "in Christ" can address?
 - Are there any Biblical truths that encourage you when you consider that you are "in Christ?"
5. In what ways is this study on your identity in Christ helpful to you?

Your Identity in Christ

A Seven Week Series on Our Identity As Christians

I Am a Saint

Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:21)

The Apostle Paul's favorite way to refer to Christians was with the term saint. The term saint means holy or set apart. You are a saint!

I Am a Child of God

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

To be a Christian is to be adopted into God's family. You are a child of God!

I Am in Christ

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)

All of God's great promises to Christians are fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ. Rejoice Christian, you are in Christ!

I Am Loved by God

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8) God cannot improve upon the quality of love for you because God is perfect, so He already loves you with a perfect love. You are loved by God!

I Am Redeemed

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Eph 1:7)

The value of an object can be seen in what someone is willing to pay for that object. God purchased you at the cost of His Son. You have been redeemed!

I Am Perfect in Christ

He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation. (Col 1:22)

You might be a great sinner, but Jesus is a great Savior. Through the gospel, you are declared to be perfectly righteous. You are perfect in Christ!

I Am Significant

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9) You are significant because of what Jesus has done for you, not because of what you have done for Jesus. You are significant!