

The Reborn Identity – Your Inheritance

YOU IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.

- The term “in Christ” shows either something you have access to, something Christ has done for you, or something you have inherited.
 - Everything that Christ has and is, is also yours—with the high calling, spiritual blessings, inheritance and power that Christ possesses. Everything that is Christ’s belongs to you, because you are one with Christ.
 - Listen to what Jesus prayed concerning us:
 - **John 17:22-23** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Paul’s explanation of **YOU IN CHRIST** in Eph 1:1-14:

- **Ephesians 1:3-14** 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 ⁸ which He made to abound toward **us in all wisdom and prudence**, ⁹ having **made known to us the mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 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**, ¹⁴ who is **the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- **Vs 4:** You have been hand-picked; you are holy and without blame
- **Vs 5:** You have been placed in His family, and taken as His own
- **Vs. 6:** You are showered by His grace at all times
- **Vs. 7:** You are redeemed
- **Vs. 8:** All of God's wisdom is directed toward you
- **Vs. 9-10:** He has made His will known to you
- **Vs. 11-12:** You have obtained (meaning already taken hold of) a great past inheritance
- **Vs. 13:** You have been sealed with the Holy Spirit—which is the family seal
- **Vs. 14:** God freely gave the Holy Spirit as a down payment of your FUTURE INHERITANCE
- YOU IN CHRIST is where your spirit is located, not physically, but positionally.
- YOU IN CHRIST is your union with Him.
- YOU IN CHRIST is the authority and position that you now carry as a child of God.

CHRIST IN YOU

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- If all that is Christ's belongs to you when you are in Him, then all that is yours belongs to Him when He is in you.
- YOU IN CHRIST, concerns what **Christ does toward you**.

- CHRIST IN YOU is what **Christ performs in you and through you.**

Paul's explanation of CHRIST IN YOU in Eph. 1:17-22:

Ephesians 1:17-23 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the **eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that **you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance** in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* **the exceeding greatness of His power toward us** who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And **He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,** ²³ **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- Vs. 17: Your spirit is full of God's wisdom, revelation and knowledge.
- Vs. 18: Your spirit is alive with the light of understanding exactly who you are.
- Vs. 19-20: Your spirit knows just how fully God's power is aimed directly toward you.
- Vs. 21-22: The love and adoration that Paul has for Jesus comes through as he describes what He's done for us and in us.
 - Jesus Christ has the name that is above all names, there is NO power or enemy that can ever HOPE to be equal to Him, and that is where He remains forever.
 - Everything is at His feet, He is above all things, and THAT is who you are now in AND who lives in you.

Inheritance

There are two different types of inheritance in Ephesians 1, your future inheritance and your past inheritance.

- The future inheritance.

- One day, you *will* inherit His Kingdom.
- You *will* inherit the nations.
- You *will* inherit eternity in heaven.
- You *will* rule and reign with Him.
- The past inheritance.
 - Things you have already inherited.
 - When you were born again, you inherited genetic traits from your heavenly Father and from Jesus.
 - **2 Peter 1:3-4** as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.
 - Your spirit's natural state in now of God's divine nature.

Inherited Characteristics of Jesus

Forgiving	Full of integrity	Thoughtful	Generous
Humble	Respectful	Obedient	Pure
Courageous	Selfless	Creative	Holy
Faithful	Love	Discerning	Supportive
Loyal	At peace	Had endurance	Attentive
Dependable	Grateful	Gracious	Diligent
Honest	Responsible	Persuasive	Thoughtful
Trustworthy	Content	Secure	Efficient
Discreet	Confident	Compassionate	Sincere
Reverent	Encouraging	Joyful	Committed
Devoted	Wise	Kind	Disciplined
Decisive	Successful		Fearless
Godly			Hospitable

Purposeful

Able to lead

Gentle

Submissive

Patient

Who you were is not who you are now.

- Identity statements have power to reinforce whatever identity you are professing.
- Surrendering to Christ in you removes the power that the flesh previously had over you, and it allows you to have the power over your flesh.
- Changing the way you speak is not what brings healing.
- Faith – believing that what God says is true – brings healing.
- It creates an environment in your soul that is willing to accept the inheritance of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.