

I am in Christ

Ephesians 1:1-14

Intro: does location really matter?

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A crucial component of knowing who we are is understanding where we stand. Being in Christ is the constant and unfailing atmosphere of our lives as believers. All the blessing we experience is a result of being in Christ. Therefore, all of our days can be marked by joy because of our location in Christ.

1. In Christ, In Adam

Romans 5:12-21

In Adam

Sin

Disobedience (one trespass)

Death (Adam's spiritual seed)

Condemnation

In Christ

Free Gift of Grace

Obedience (one act of righteousness)

Life (Jesus' spiritual seed)

Justification

2. In Christ, Living Union

Habakkuk 1:13 - *You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong*

- *Justification*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

- *Faith*

A living union

Hebrews 11:6

Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

3. In Christ, Heir

Ephesians 1:5 - *he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will*

Conclusion:

The enemy's attack seeks to use our experience to deceive us about our position. Our position in Christ is secure...we should look for the experience of God's presence continually.

Proverbs 18:10 - *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.*