

In Christ

Ephesians 1:3

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*"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** ..." – Ephesians 1:3*

To be "**in Christ**" is to be in a relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ where **ALL spiritual blessings** are found.

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Redemption

*"... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the **redemption which is in Christ Jesus** ..." – Romans 3:23-24*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Eternal Life

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus** our Lord." – Romans 6:23*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

No Condemnation

*"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." – Romans 8:1-2*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

The Love Of God

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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." – Romans 8:38-39*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Membership In God's Family

"For just as we have **many members** in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body **in Christ**, and individually members one of another." – Romans 12:4-5

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Hope

"... to the end that we who were the first to **hope in Christ** would be to the praise of His glory." – Ephesians 1:12

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Triumph/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 Corinthians 2:14

"... but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ." – 1 Corinthians 15:57

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

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 Corinthians 5:17

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Reconciliation With God

"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." – 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Liberty/Freedom

"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." – Galatians 2:4 (See also John 8:31-36)

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Purpose In Life

*"For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Nearness To God

*"But now **in Christ Jesus** you who formerly were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ." – Ephesians 2:13*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Forgiveness

*"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God **in Christ** also has **forgiven you**." – Ephesians 4:32*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Encouragement

*"Therefore if there is any **encouragement in Christ**, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." – Philippians 2:1-2*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Righteousness

*"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be 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 ..." – Philippians 3:8-9*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Grace

*"... 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 Timothy 1:9*

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Those who are "in Christ" have:

Salvation From Sin

*"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 Timothy 2:10

Those "In Christ" have:

Redemption (Romans 3:23-24)	Freedom/Liberty (Galatians 2:4)
Eternal Life (Romans 6:23)	Purpose for Life (Ephesians 2:10)
No Condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)	Nearness to God (Ephesians 2:13)
The Love of God (Romans 8:38-39)	Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)
Membership in God's family (Romans 12:4-5)	Encouragement (Philippians 2:1-2)
Hope (Ephesians 1:12)	Righteousness (Philippians 2:8-9)
Victory/Triumph (2 Corinthians 2:14)	Grace (2 Timothy 1:9)
A New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)	Salvation from Sin (2 Timothy 2:10)
Reconciliation with God (2 Corinthians 2:14)	All Spiritual Blessings (Ephesians 1:3)

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ Heard the word of God.

*"It was for this **He called you through our gospel**, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us."* – 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

*"Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility **receive the word** implanted, which is able to save your souls."* – James 1:21

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ Believed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must **believe** that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."* – Hebrews 11:6

*"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins."* – John 8:24

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ Repented of sins ...

*"I tell you, no, but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish."* – Luke 13:3

*"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should **repent**, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."* – Acts 17:30-31

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ Confessed Jesus Christ as Lord ...

*"... for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he **confesses**, resulting in salvation."* – Romans 10:10

*"Therefore everyone who **confesses** Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."* – Matthew 10:32-33

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ **Been Baptized Into Christ ...**

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ."
– Galatians 3:26-27

"Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ** Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." – Romans 6:3-4

Those "In Christ" have ...

➤ **Been Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins ...**

"Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:38

"He who has believed and has been **baptized** shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned." – Mark 16:16

Those "In Christ" must ...

➤ **Remain Obedient to God.**

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven will enter."
– Matthew 7:21

"Be **faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life." – Revelation 2:10b

"Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, **unbelieving heart that falls away** from the living God." – Hebrews 3:12

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear the word** (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; James 1:21)
- **Believe the gospel** (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)
- **Repent of sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)
- **Confess Jesus Christ** (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32-33)
- **Be Baptized** (Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-4; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)
- **Remain Obedient** (Matthew 7:21; Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 3:12)