



What It Means To Be 'In Christ'



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Your Identity



Definition 1

: the distinguishing character or personality of an individual

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Definition 2

The identity of a person or place is the characteristics they have that distinguish them from others.

Collins Dictionary

You are unique. Your fingerprint, eye and tongue patterns are uniquely yours. There is absolutely no one, of the 8 billion people on the planet, who is exactly like you. What a privilege!

Elements or characteristics that make up identity include:

- gender
- race
- physical attributes
- beliefs
- nationality

Identity influences decisions made in life - friendships, health, education, paths taken.

What It Means To Be 'in Christ'



Excerpt from 'Find Myself In You - 30 Days of Meditation in Christ Jesus'

The term 'in Christ' refers to an individual recognizing him or herself to be a sinner in need of a Saviour. Upon the realization of this great need, they repent, or turn away from their sins. They receive the salvation God offers them through the sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son, The Lord Jesus Christ.

This individual then becomes a born-again Christian and is positioned 'in Christ'. Such a position means the believer is immersed, totally covered up and lives in Christ Jesus. Each day the believer lives in this truth, that they are in Christ, they are victorious over the enemy and grows to look, be and sound like Him.

Additionally, when The Heavenly Father looks at the believer, He does not see wretchedness, but He sees Christ and accepts them because of Him...

...Being in Christ means you can be so much more than what the world says. You become more successful than you ever thought possible because you have the God of the universe with you. His plans and purpose for you are more than you could ever begin to imagine doing yourself.

Do you consider yourself to be a low or average achiever? Living in God's truth will see you attempting greater things and achieving greater levels of success with Him.

Too many Christians live frustrated and defeated lives because they have forgotten that they are more than powerhouses and more than overcomers when they understand the benefits they have in Christ.

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The phrase 'in Christ' has been used over 90 times in the New Testament, therefore it is not a new concept. It is that which God wants to teach believers in the New Testament - to live in Christ and be totally controlled by Him.

The following are a few of these verses that refer to being 'in Christ'. Use the worksheet attached to this module to go deeper into each verse using the recommended or your favourite Bible Study tool, to apply it to your life.

You are a new creature in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You are not condemned

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

You enjoy these benefits in Christ because of God

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Corinthians 1:30

You are one with believers in Christ

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

Your Identity in Christ



You are unique. There is absolutely nobody exactly like you - past, present and future.

Nobody can do what you can do, or are supposed to do. You are uniquely suited for the purpose and mission for which God has created you - in Christ.

Your identity on its own is powerful. Your identity therefore being in Christ's supernatural identity means you being even more powerful than you can imagine.

This means you are uniquely suited to speak to specific individuals because you have been created and chosen to do so.

Your identity in Christ influences with whom you align, your lifestyle, convictions, the places you go, media you consume, with whom and where you hang around.

You see therefore, the repercussions for not living in your identity in Christ. Your life and mission are not for you alone. The people to whom you are assigned will be robbed of your voice and mission.

It is imperative for a life in Christ to live his or her identity in Christ, as it is part of a bigger Kingdom plan. You cannot be selfish or self-absorbed because this plan is greater than you and you are needed for its fulfilment.

Every aspect of your identity, every bit of who you are, is to be performed in and through Christ.

How Christ Sees Us In Him



When we live with God and according to His Word, we have with us the power of heaven. We are totally immersed in Christ and live in Him.

When our Heavenly Father looks at us, He does not see wretchedness, He sees Christ. We have union with Christ and fall in love with Him daily. We are bought with a price and in Him we have eternal life.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:20

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 1 Peter 1:18-19

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

Benefits to being in Christ



There are many benefits to being in Christ and belonging to God. We have already seen that we have the power of heaven with us. We have fellowship with the One True and Living God.

Do the activities in the worksheet that accompanies this lesson, to gain deeper meaning and application.

In the worksheet you will see benefits such as peace that passes all understanding, joy beyond anything the world can offer, hope and strength to face anything that comes our way and more.

Module 3 Activities



Benefits to Being In Christ

- ◆ Go deeper into knowledge of who you are in Christ and the benefits you have as a believer

My Identity in Christ

- ◆ Fill out the missing words as you learn to meditate, believe and declare who you are in Christ

Find Myself In You

- ◆ Use this concept to identify more of you and your access in Christ.