

Who You Are in Christ

This sermon is going to be a brief, high-level overview of what the Bible says about identity and who you are in Christ. I have 10 truths that I'm going to list, that I've categorized into 4 categories, and it's very important that we come to grasp these truths in our hearts.

What I mean by In Christ

- I'm going to use the phrase "in Christ" or "if you're in Christ" multiple times throughout this sermon, so before I even start, I just want to clarify what I mean by that
 - A person is "in Christ" if they've received the gospel (receiving the gospel involves 2 things)
 - Committing to following and obeying Jesus
 - Trusting in Jesus' blood to make you righteous
 - Meaning of "In Christ"
 - "In Christ" is a term that is used many times in the New Testament that describes those who have put their faith in Christ, and specifically it describes how we're united to Him and our position with Him

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Redeemed

You've been adopted as a child of God

- 1 John 3:1-2
- God has fatherly affection for you (Galatians 4:6-7)
- You have an everlasting inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- You have extremely high status

You're a new creation

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-17
- You shouldn't identify with your past sins and failures
- You're the first fruits of God's renewed creation

You're dead to sin

- Romans 6:9-11
- We've been set free from sin's power (Romans 6:7)
- We've been set free from sin's punishment
- You shouldn't identify with your sin

Worthy

You're inherently worthy of love and fair treatment

- The idea that all humans are inherently worthy of love and fair treatment is part of the biblical worldview
- We know this because throughout the Bible, we are taught that we ought to love others and treat them fairly. They don't have to earn it; they are simply created as being worthy of it because they're created in the image of God (Genesis 9:6)

You've been made worthy of the inheritance of Christ

- But not only does He give us more than we are worthy of, but in Christ, He makes us worthy of far more than we otherwise would be
- God has taken away all our guilt
 - Colossians 2:13-14 NLT
 - Psalm 103:12
 - Romans 8:1
- God has credited us with Christ's perfect life and obedience
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Romans 3:21-22
 - Romans 5:19

Valuable

You're God's workmanship

- Ephesians 2:10
- You as a human aren't just any workmanship, you are one of God's highest workmanships (Psalm 8:3-8)

You're destined for perfection

- Romans 8:28-30
- God is in the process of making you perfectly desirable and extremely useful

You're immeasurably valuable

- If you're in Christ, then you have eternal life, and you're destined for perfection, which means that you will bring joy and blessing to God and to other Christians endlessly forever and ever
 - The ultimate determiner of the value of a thing is how much benefit it brings to people
 - And the amount of benefit that you are going to bring God and others in the age to come is immeasurable

Loved

You're unfathomably loved

- Ephesians 3:17-19
- John 17:22-23

You're greatly rejoiced over

- Zephaniah 3:17
- If you're in Christ, then all your sins have been fully dealt with, and He does not stay mad at you about them, because they've been fully paid for
- And on top of that, because in Christ you're being conformed to the image of the Son, He has huge reason to delight over you