

5. The Wealth of the Believer's Position in Jesus Christ

A. As to Christ's PERSON:

B. As to Christ's WORK:

Being in Christ by faith, we share in His work past, present, and future:

- (1) In Christ, believers are _____ to God by His substitutionary death. Romans 5:10
- (2) In Christ, believers have _____ with God. Rom. 5:1
- (3) In Christ, believers have His _____ imputed to them. 2 Cor. 5:21
- (4) In Christ, believers are justified, declared _____. Rom. 5:9
- (5) In Christ, believers are _____ by His blood. Eph. 1:7
- (6) In Christ, believers have _____ of sin. Eph. 1:7
- (7) In Christ, the demands of God's holiness have been satisfied; God has been _____.
Rom. 3:25 - 26; 1 John 2:2; 4:2
- (8) In Christ, there is now no _____. Rom. 8:1
- (9) In Christ, the penalty of sin has been _____, that is removed. Col. 2:14
- (10) In Christ, believers are no longer guilty or under the condemnation of _____ and its sentence of death. Rom. 7:4-6; Col. 2:14
- (11) In Christ, believers are _____, made fit and sufficient to be partakers in God's family and inheritance. Eph. 1:5-6, Col. 1:12

C. Ramifications of Christ's death related to the Believer's life.

- (1) In Christ, believers have also died with Christ in His death and burial. Rom. 6:3-4;
Col. 2:12

- (2) In Christ, the believer's relationship to Adam has been severed and the dominion of the sinful nature, though still present, has been broken. Romans 6:1-14
- (3) In Christ, believers have been raised with Him for a walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4-5, 8-12; Col. 2:12
- (4) In Christ, believers are seated with Him in the heavenlies at the right hand of the Father (Eph. 2:6).
- (5) In Christ, believers have an eternal access to God, we are made nigh to God, translated into God's kingdom, and delivered from Satan's kingdom and the power of darkness. Eph. 2:18; 3:12
- (6) In Christ, believers have a perpetual and an effective High Priest, an advocate and two intercessors, the Son at God's right hand, and the Holy Spirit who dwells within. Rom. 8:26-27, 34; 1 John 2:1
- (7) In Christ, believers have special significance and the basis of a true self-concept [esteem] as the children of God.

Application:

Concerning Obedience

After declaring the believers identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection, the Apostle says: "Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

So what has Paul emphasized:

- * First we must **know the facts** of our identification with Christ (vs. 1-10).
- * Then we must **count on them** as spiritual realities, **by faith** [believing them] (cf. vs. 11 with vs. 8).
- * Third, knowing and believing in our new identification, we are to **choose** to present ourselves to God for obedience (vs. 12-18).
- * This **presentation** is ultimately carried out through walking by faith empowered by the Spirit who dwells within each of us (Rom. 8:1-13; Gal. 5:16).

Conclusion

Since believers are complete in Christ, there is nothing they can add to gain salvation, or to maintain their salvation (Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 8:32-39).

To trust in anything other than God's full provision for us in Jesus Christ is to be faithless in our position and futile in dealing with our condition in life.

There are two strong implications here:

- * **Security:** Believers are doubly safe with Christ in God (cf. John. 10:28-29; Rom. 8:38-39).
- * **Provision:** The believer's life is nourished and supplied by hidden resources which the world cannot know nor provide.