

# Are You “In Christ”?

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The vital importance of being “in Christ” is seen in the many New Testament references to it. 77 times the New Testament mentions the phrase “in Christ.” Let’s explore several of these occurrences and see what may be gleaned from the pursuit.

## The Faith Is “In Christ”

“And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning *the faith in Christ*” (Acts 24:24).

## Redemption Is “In Christ”

“Being justified freely by his grace through the *redemption that is in Christ Jesus*” (Rom. 3:24).

## Life Is “In Christ”

“For the law of the Spirit of *life in Christ* Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:2).

## Love Of God Is “In Christ”

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from *the love of God, which is in Christ* Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

## The Truth Is “In Christ”

“I say *the truth in Christ*, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 9:1).

“Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak *the truth in Christ*, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity” (I Tim. 2:7).

## The One Body Is “In Christ”

“So we, being many, are *one body in Christ*, and every one members one of another” (Rom. 12:5).

## Sanctification Is “In Christ”

“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are *sanctified in Christ* Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours” (I Cor. 1:2).

## Wisdom Is “In Christ”

“We are fools for Christ’s sake, but ye are *wise in Christ*; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised” (I Cor. 4:10).

## Hope Is “In Christ”

“If in this life only we have *hope in Christ*, we are of all men most miserable” (I Cor. 15:19).

## Triumph Is “In Christ”

“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to *triumph in Christ*, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place” (II Cor. 2:14).

## Simplicity Is “In Christ”

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the *simplicity that is in Christ*” (II Cor. 11:3).

## Liberty Is “In Christ”

“And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our *liberty which we have in Christ* Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage” (Gal. 2:4).

## Unity Is “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*” (Gal. 3:28).

## The Faithful Are “In Christ”

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to *the faithful in Christ* Jesus” (Eph. 1:1).

## All Spiritual Blessings Are “In Christ”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with *all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*” (Eph. 1:3).

## All Things Are “In Christ”

“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one *all things in Christ*, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him” (Eph. 1:10).

## Created “In Christ”

“For we are his workmanship, *created in Christ* Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10).

## His Promise Is “In Christ”

“That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of *his promise in Christ* by the gospel” (Eph. 3:6).

#### **His Eternal Purpose Is “In Christ”**

“According to *the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ* Jesus our Lord” (Eph. 3:8).

#### **The Saints Are “In Christ”**

“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all *the saints in Christ* Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons” (Phil. 1:1).

“Salute every *saint in Christ* Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you” (Phil. 4:21).

#### **Consolation Is “In Christ”**

“If there be therefore any *consolation in Christ*, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies” (Phil. 2:1).

#### **Rejoicing Is “In Christ”**

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and *rejoice in Christ* Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil. 3:3).

#### **The Prize Is “In Christ”**

“I press toward the mark for *the prize* of the high calling of God *in Christ* Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

#### **Faith And Love Are “In Christ”**

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#### **Salvation Is “In Christ”**

“Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain *the salvation which is in Christ* Jesus with eternal glory” (II Tim. 2:10).

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#### **How Do You Get Into Christ?**

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been *baptized into Christ* have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27).

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized into Jesus Christ* were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:3).