

Christ In You
You In Christ
JESUS CHRIST Is The Solution
To All Our Inadequacies

Colossians 2:9-10

Verse 9 We must know all that JESUS CHRIST is

9 **Because in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,**

Verse 10 We must know all you are in Christ.

One of the reasons why so many Christians suffer from SAD (Stress Anxiety Depression) is a failure of knowing who they are in Christ or not believing all they are in Christ.

10 **And in Him you have been made complete, and he is the head over all rule and authority;**

I prefer the order of the King James which is in line with the original manuscript **and you are in Him**

People, this says it all !

You are in Christ !

Think of all the grand and marvelous things we can say about JESUS CHRIST then remember...**You are in Him.**

This is what we call Positional Truth or
Your Permanent Eternal Position: **In Him**

Start with the Holiness, the Perfection of God then you ask the “10 Questions of Job”!

- Can mankind be just before God? (no)
- Can a man be pure before His Maker (no) Job 4:17
- Does God pervert Justice? (no)
- Does the Almighty pervert what is Right? (no) Job 8:3
- How can a man be in the Right before God? (be Righteous) Job 9:2
- Who can make the clean out of the unclean? No one! Job 14:4
- What is man that he should be pure?
- Or he who is born of a woman that he should be righteous? Job 15:14
- How then can a man be just before God?
- Or how can he be clean who is born of woman? Job 25:4

If we examine each of these questions we would see the complete **hopelessness of man**. And the answer to all ten of these questions from the book of Job is found here in Colossians 2:9-10.

In verse 9 we see the fullness of JESUS CHRIST before God how He is the Righteousness of God.

Then in verse 10 we see that everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST is ‘in’ JESUS CHRIST and share His perfect righteousness and therefore justified before God.

There is no reason for a believer in JESUS CHRIST to ever suffer SAD (Stress Anxiety Depression) or experience hatred, revenge, lust of money or any kind of lust for that matter.

You are complete in Christ; this also counters all arrogance; for our adequacy is because of our position in Christ.

Colossians 2:10

10 **and in Him you have been made complete,**

This is a **PERFECT PASSIVE PARTICIPLE**. the **PERFECT** reveals the permanency of our completeness in Christ. And we have the grace **VOICE**—the **PASSIVE** where the subject receives the action of the verb—we receiver being complete by Faith in JESUS CHRIST, by being in Him.

The Greek verb translated **made complete** describes how God sees us.

If you find yourself thinking, I am not complete in beauty, I am not complete in success, I am not complete as a man or woman, etc., you are looking at the wrong scales of value.

**We must learn to look at ourselves as God looks at us:
complete.**

The Greek verb reveals at least Four Things about our position in Christ.

- I First the verb means to fill up a deficiency. And we have seen our deficiency in total depravity. We are without righteousness and in Christ we are complete in righteousness before God. We are deficient in life lived with God but in Christ we are filled with Eternal Life... living with God for all eternity. In fact, God the Father gives to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST '34 things' that make us complete.
- II To be complete in Christ means to be fully Possessed of God or by God. When we choose to sin, we move ourselves from God and that movement is only temporary.
- III To be complete in Christ means to be fully influenced by our position in Christ. When we become arrogant, or experience selfish ambition or bitter jealousy (James 3) we deprive ourselves of our completeness in Christ.

We don't lose this completeness but we deprive ourselves from being influenced by our position in Christ.

Oh people, when we allow ourselves to be fully influenced by who we are in Christ, then we experience inner peace, inner happiness and inner satisfaction with all we are in Christ.

IV And finally, this verb means to be complete with the highest quality in existence, that is the quality of God Himself. This is one of the most fulfilling statements about any person: **to be in Christ.** Not only does JESUS CHRIST have the Perfect Righteousness of God, Christ right now is seated at the Right Hand of God the Father. This will be the basis of Colossians 3:1-4

- 1 **Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**
- 2 **Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.**
- 3 **For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**
- 4 **When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

You are in Union with Him at the Right hand of the Father, positionally, therefore you are higher than angels. Positionally you are superior to angels right now.

There are Two important virtues that comes from our position in Christ.

1 One is **satisfaction.** **are you satisfied with who you are?**

Only you can answer this question in your soul.

Not what you tell others

—not even your husband or wife or parents or close friend.

Are you satisfied with who you are right now?

When we look at the percentage of Americans who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, pornography then you begin to realize that not that many people in America are truly satisfied with themselves.

If you experience bitter jealousy, driven by revenge then you must not deceive yourself you are not satisfied. If you are not asking yourselves why you are not satisfied... and be honest with yourselves.

Is it because of things you do not have
or age or your past, or your present status?

Then ask yourself

do you think of who and all you are in Christ
or who you are in the world.

Once we grasp all that is involved in our being in Christ and the '34 things' God gives to us when we believe in JESUS CHRIST we cannot help but be satisfied with who we are.

- 2 The Second important virtue of living who you are in Christ is **Security**. We are set free in Christ, but to enjoy freedom demands security! This is clearly seen when Abraham Lincoln issued an emancipation proclamation to set all slaves free.

This was a travesty of justice to the slaves. Why? He took away their security – pitiful as it may have been—and handed them freedom. “you cannot take away security from

people and say you are free and expect them to understand freedom. It was an economic nightmare when people in Russia were “set free”. They did not have a clue as to how a free market society was to run. The same thing happened in Africa when the United Nations set many nations in Africa free –and still today many of these nations, while free are starving to death. They have freedom but NO SECURITY!

Think of another occurrence in history where millions were set free –this time by God.

When Israel was set free from Egypt.

But think of all that God did in setting them free.

- > First: He gave them Leadership security in Moses.
- > Second: He gave them economic security in an abundance of wealth from Egypt.
- > Then He gave them marching orders—they had to learn to work together in learning to march together. The slave generation of Jews did not know how, so they died in the wilderness. But a new generation grew up learning to work together, fight together and worship God together.

And then, and only then they entered into the Promised land. They had freedom, but they had security.

Freedom demands Security.

We are not free in America today!

And the reason we are not free is that there is very little security in this country. We are not only not secure, we are not even safe. There are places in Dallas where you are not safe walking alone. Freedom of Speech is no freedom of speech. You can lose your job if you say something that is not acceptable by government. You cannot even talk about Jesus Christ in public schools and other public places...we have no freedom of speech because we have no security in that we might say the wrong things. Children are brought into this world helpless; they must have security to mature properly.

And where are they to get this security, by God's design?

From the home, their parents, but our society from the Supreme Court down –security has been taken away from a fast majority of children.

It is no surprise that our young people are in so much trouble—with sex, alcohol, drugs, violence and rank so poorly in education when compared with other nations in the world. They have no security.

Parents molesting their children, and the children get no structured discipline. Oh people, Security is so vital to maturity.

**By placing you in Christ the moment you are saved,
God is setting you in a position of security.**

Now you can relax, go to church,
think with your God given brain in the power of the Holy Spirit
and grow in the Knowledge of God
and increasing in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST.

We have noted the first half of our security in
Colossians 1:27

27 **...Christ in you the Hope of Glory**

10 and now in Colossians 2:10 **you are in Him.**

YOU ARE POSITIONED IN CHRIST

1 Positioned in Christ is unique to the Church Age believer—in no other dispensation is there such a place as being *in Christ*. The moment one believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior—he does not become a member of the race or nation of Israel. God the Holy Spirit enters him into union with JESUS CHRIST forever. You cannot lose your position in JESUS CHRIST. You did nothing to put yourself into Christ, you can do nothing to take yourself out of union with Christ. It is eternally yours...due to Faithfulness of God.

2 **MEANS** of Positioned in Christ:

Non-meritorious faith in JESUS CHRIST as your Savior.

3 **MECHANICS** Position in Christ:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:5; Gospel of John 17:21-22:14:20 and chapter 15; 1 Corinthians 12:13;

4 Characteristics of Position in Christ:

- a not an experience, or emotional, nor ecstatic
- b not progressive—cannot be improved
- c not related to human merit or works or any performance
- d Eternal in nature; neither God nor angels nor man can change it
- e Obtained in total at point of belief in JESUS CHRIST

5 Our Position in Christ explains election and predestination; two doctrines that many believers are so confused about. Both are defined and understood by believer's position in Christ. Believers are elected and Predestined *in Christ*. No one is elected or predestined outside of JESUS CHRIST. Every believer shares the election of JESUS CHRIST, when you are put in Christ, then you share the election of JESUS CHRIST and share the predestination of JESUS CHRIST.

6 Positioned in Christ also clarifies sanctification

Ephesians 1:3-6

7 (one that legalists resent) Every believer—carnal, sinful, or spiritual is positioned in Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 30. Here, in Christ is true equality of all believers. In Christ is the only place of Security.

8 Our being imputed with +R (Perfect Righteousness) is from our Position in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:30

9 Our being in Christ protects every believer from Divine Justice in eternity:

Romans 8:1—No, your sins will not find you out! You are in Christ. Think about this, in Christ you are secure that you will never be condemned by God.

There is so much under every one of these points but let us note 2 Peter 2:4-9

4 **For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;**

- 5 **and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;**
- 6 **and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter;**
- 7 **and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men**
- 8 **(for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),**
- 9 ***then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,**

- 10 Being in Christ qualifies the believer to live with God forever
 - 1 John 5:11-12,
therefore this guarantees Eternal Security. Romans 8:38-39
- 11 Because you are in Christ, every believer shares many things with Christ.
 - a share the life of JESUS CHRIST 1 John 5:11-12
 - b share the +R (Righteousness) of JESUS CHRIST
2 Corinthians 5:21
 - c share the election of JESUS CHRIST Ephesians 1:4

- d share the destiny of JESUS CHRIST Ephesians 1:5
- e share the heritage of JESUS CHRIST 1 Peter 1:4-5
- r share the sanctification of JESUS CHRIST
 - 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - Gospel of John 17:17-19 and Hebrews 10:14
- g share the Priest-Hood of JESUS CHRIST –I am so sorry that this is not all that important to believers—that we share the Priest-Hood of JESUS CHRIST; if you were of Jewish background this would be a major issue with you, that you are a Priest after the order of JESUS CHRIST which is above the Priest-Hood order of the Levites

- 12 Many aspects of our lives today here on earth are from our position in Christ.
- a. Our Christian liberty—is founded on our being in Christ Galatians 2:4
 - b. Blessings in time are not dependent on our performance but are dependent upon our position in Christ Ephesians 1:3

- 13 We are identified with JESUS CHRIST in His death
- Colossians 2:12

We are identified with Christ in His Resurrection

Colossians 2:12

Being Identified with JESUS CHRIST in His death means that in our daily lives we do not have to be under the power and control of sin nature... dead to us—every time we sin, we resurrect the dead sin nature. Being identified with JESUS CHRIST in His Resurrection—Spiritual life, Spiritual freedom, Spiritual liberty!

Summarizing:

At the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST, God the Holy Spirit baptizes or places you ***in Christ.***

This establishes Eternal Fellowship with JESUS CHRIST and God the Father.

Your eternal position in JESUS CHRIST establishes eternal fellowship, which is the pattern of your Temporal fellowship with the Godhead and with One Another.

Every born-again believer has the same equal spiritual privileges as any other believer.

Christ in you and you in Christ Gospel of John 14:20

Add to this that the Holy Spirit Indwells every one of you! and every one of you are your own Priest—this means you represent yourselves before God the Father—in prayer, worship, Spiritual Recovery (don't need to confess to some human priest)

and every believer in Christ has the same purpose:
to glorify God the Father and JESUS CHRIST in the Holy Spirit.
To be a witness of JESUS CHRIST during your time here on earth,
to be an Ambassador for Christ.

But remember because you are in Christ, you are in Spiritual Warfare on earth!

—Put on whole armor of God
—Walk in the Holy Spirit,
—Grow in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST!
But there is another part of this phrase:
you are in Christ
and that is
Christ in you!

Colossians 1:27 **to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

So, in Colossians 2:10
you are in Christ you have been made complete
as man and woman become one when they marry—

Well, when you and I believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior
we become one with Him—He in you and you in Him

That we **be in Him** was part of the Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of John 17
Gospel of John 17:21;

So, let us take a brief look at **I in you and you in me!**

- 1 We start our understanding from the relationship between God the Father and the humanity of JESUS CHRIST. **Gospel of John 14:11** and this results in their being one: **Gospel of John 10:30**
- 2 We are in Christ and Christ is in us: we are one in Him, with Him.
- 3 There are three primary implications of Christ in you and you in Christ.
 - (1) (1) **IDENTIFICATION:** **Gospel of John 14:10**
God the Father is identified by JESUS CHRIST;
and JESUS CHRIST is identified on earth,
during His absence by born again believers.
 - (2) **EXPERIENTIAL:** **Gospel of John 14:11 and 10:37-38**

By the Oneness of God the Father and JESUS CHRIST the words that JESUS CHRIST spoke are the words that God the Father spoke and the works that JESUS CHRIST did are the works of God the Father.

In like manner—we are in Christ and Christ is in us... This ought to have an impact on our daily lives—what we say—should be what JESUS CHRIST would say and what

we do should be what JESUS CHRIST would do, and how we love is how JESUS CHRIST would love.

That JESUS CHRIST is in God the Father and God the Father in Him is proven by the fact my works do not originate from me, but are His, my words do not originate from me but are His... and so it is with us... or should be—our words, works and love are not ours but they belong to Him.

- (3) Security –we are eternally secure in Christ and by His being in us:

Gospel of John 14:20

In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Also, this union, defines both mission and ministry of JESUS CHRIST and of us.

- 4 by being in Him and He in us—we have, we possess His life

People, please see and understand yourselves as who you are in Christ. This is the real you! —no place for SAD (Stress Anxiety Depression) in a believer as long as we live who we are in Christ.

In conclusion,
you need to

**Know Who You Are In Christ
Believe Who You Are In Christ
and
Enjoy Living Who You Are In Christ**