



Study notes Oct 25th '20

Over the next 8 weeks we'll be looking at what it means for believers to be "in Christ" (Paul uses these words 164 times in his letters). Essentially, we'll be looking at the "spiritual riches" that become ours when we join God's family, when we become "in Christ".

As a group, list some of those that you can think of (e.g. we're redeemed, forgiven, we're one in Christ, etc.). Take some time this week to look up some of these references. As you read through some of these verses, try substituting the words "because of Jesus" ... and give God thanks for what is ours "in Christ".

To be "in Christ" means that God no longer sees our imperfections; He sees the righteousness of His own Son ([Ephesians 2:13](#)). Only "in Christ" is our sin debt cancelled, our relationship with God restored, and our eternity secured.

Read Colossians 1:1-13

- i) what do you think are some of the implications of Paul saying that the believers were "in Christ" & "in Colossae"?
- ii) We're "brothers & sisters in Christ" v2. Look up Galatians 3:28. Think of the impact of this truth in the 1st century, and in our own.
- iii) How can we "live a life worthy of the Lord, and bear fruit in every good work?" v10 What specific things could we be doing *right now* that would demonstrate to those around us the difference there is in our lives because we are secure in our knowledge of who we are in Christ?

Take phrases from this passage to pray for each other.

Check out the on-line newsletter to make sure you've all seen the details about how to book in to be in church for Sunday services, & the screening of Adrian Serecut's short film "Contraband" this Friday, which will give us opportunity to pray together for the persecuted church.

Make a note in your diary about this year's TEAR Fund Quiz Evening on Nov 14th. More information soon about how to join in this... Why not start getting a team together?

