

SINCE CHRIST IS IN ME ...

1. **I Am Alive Through Christ** – Romans 8:10, NIV – (10) *But if Christ is in you, ... your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*
2. **I Am Empowered By Christ** – Galatians 2:20, NIV – (20) *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
3. **I Am Controlled By Christ** – Romans 8:9, NIV – (9) *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. ...*
4. **I Am Becoming Like Christ** – Galatians 4:19, NIV – (19) ... *I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*
5. **I Am Led By The Love Of Christ** – 1 John 4:12, NIV – (12) *God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*
6. **I Am Indwelt By The Fullness Of Christ** – Colossians 2:9-10, NIV – (9) *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, (10) and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*
7. **I Can Work The Miracles Of Christ** – Ephesians 3:20, NIV – (20) *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

CONCLUSION

1. Since We Are In Christ

- We have been made right by God, and so we can minister knowing that God is on our side. ... we have been indwelt by God, and so we can minister knowing that it will be God's life flowing through us. ... we have been empowered by God, and so we can minister knowing that we have the power to meet every need ... we have been given promises by God, and so we can minister knowing that God is completely behind us when we do.

2. Since Christ Is In Us

- We are alive through Christ ... we are empowered by Christ ... we are controlled by Christ ... we are becoming like Christ ... we are led by the love of Christ ... we are indwelt by the fullness of Christ ... we can work the miracles of Christ

**How can we possibly not go to the next level ...
if we only understand that we are in Christ, and Christ is in us?**

FOUNDATIONS FOR NEXT LEVEL LIVING

Part 2 – Fully Understanding My Identity In Christ

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GOD WANTS US TO LEARN TO LIVE “IN CHRIST”

- Colossians 2:6, NIV – (6) *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.*
- To “**live in Christ**” is to live each day with a moment by moment awareness that Christ is in us, and a moment by moment awareness of the implications of Christ being in us, so that we take advantage of the full resources of His abiding presence in us, and walk in such a way that His life is maximized in and through our lives, and our own flesh is minimized.

SINCE I AM IN CHRIST ...

1. I Have Been Made Right With God

- a) **I Am Sanctified (Cleansed) And Called To Be Holy** – 1 Corinthians 1:2, NIV – (2) ... *to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy ..*
- b) **I Have Been Made Right, Holy, And Redeemed** – 1 Corinthians 1:30, NIV – (30) *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God -- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*
- c) **I Have A Righteousness From God** – Philippians 3:9, NIV – (9) *and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ -- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.*
- d) **I Am Completely New, And My Past No Longer Has Any Control Over Me** – 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV – (17) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*
- e) **I Am Reconciled To God, And God No Longer Holds My Sins Against Me** – 2 Corinthians 5:19, NIV – (19) ... *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. ...*
- f) **I Am Justified** – Galatians 2:16, NIV – (16) ... *we ... have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.*
- g) **I Have Been Brought Near To Jesus Christ Because Of His Shed Blood** – Ephesians 2:13, NIV – (13) *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.*

- h) **I Have Forgiveness From God Himself** – Ephesians 4:32, NIV – (32) *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*
- i) **I Am Not Condemned In Any Manner** – Romans 8:1, NIV – (1) *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
- j) **I Cannot Be Separated From The Love Of God** – Romans 8:39, NIV – (39) *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

2. I Have Been Indwelt By God

- a) **I Am Alive To God** – Romans 6:11, NIV – (11) *... count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
- b) **I Have Eternal Life** – Romans 6:23, NIV – (23) *... the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- c) **I Have The Fullness Of God In Me** – Colossians 2:9-10, NIV – (9) *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, (10) and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*

3. I Have Been Empowered By God

- a) **I Am A Child Of God** – Galatians 3:26, NIV – (26) *You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*
- b) **I Am Anointed, Owned By Christ, And Indwelt By The Holy Spirit** – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV – (21) *... He anointed us, (22) set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*
- c) **I Have Been Given The Grace Of God** – 1 Corinthians 1:4, NIV – (4) *I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.*
- d) **The Veil Has Been Removed From My Eyes, So I Can Receive And Understand Revelation From God** – 2 Corinthians 3:14, NIV – (14) *But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.*
- e) **I Have Access To All Spiritual Blessings In The Heavenly Realms** – Ephesians 1:3, NIV – (3) *... the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*
- f) **I Am Raised And Seated With Christ In The Heavenly Realms** – Ephesians 2:6, NIV – (6) *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*

- g) **I Am Guaranteed To See The Incomparable Riches Of God's Grace** – Ephesians 2:7, NIV – (7) *in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

- h) **I Have Access To God's Glorious Riches To Meet My Needs** – Philippians 4:19, NIV – (19) *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

4. I Have Been Given Promises By God

- a) **I Can Say "Amen" To Every Promise Of God, Because All The Promises Of God Are "Yes" To Me** – 2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV – (20) *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*
- b) **I Can Stand Firm** – 2 Corinthians 1:21, NIV – (21) *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.*
- c) **I Can Be Confident That God Will Always Lead Me Into Triumph** – 2 Corinthians 2:14, NIV – (14) *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ ...*
- d) **I Am Now Free, And No Longer Hindered By This World** – Galatians 2:4, NIV – (4) *... some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves.*
- e) **I Can Speak On Behalf Of God** – 2 Corinthians 2:17, NIV – (17) *... in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.*
- f) **I Have A Participation In The Triune God** – Ephesians 1:13, NIV – (13) *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*
- g) **I Have Been Given Specific Assignments From God To Fulfill In This Life** – Ephesians 2:10, NIV – (10) *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
- h) **I Have Peace From God Which Will Guard My Heart And Mind** – Philippians 4:7, NIV – (7) *... in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ -- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.*
- i) **I Have Access To Every Good Thing** – Philemon 1:6, NIV – ... *that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.*

GOD WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE IS IN US

- 2 Corinthians 13:5, NIV – (5) *... Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you ...?*