

# Lesson 3: In Christ

## Introduction:

- An Identity Crisis
  - Non-fluid
  - Two identities
    - In Adam and In Christ (1 Cor. 15:22)
- **In Adam**
  1. **Condemnation** - Rom. 5:16, 18
    - a. Under Sin (Rom. 1:18-32; 3:23)
    - b. No R+ (Rom. 2:1-3:20)
    - c. Enemies of God (Rom. 5:10)
  2. **Abomination** - Titus 1:15-16
    - a. Servants of Sin (Rom. 6:20)
    - b. Dead to R+ (Rom. 6:20-21)
    - c. Followed Course of This World (Eph. 2:1-3)
  3. **Alienation** - Col. 1:21; Eph. 4:18
    - a. Gentiles in the Flesh (Eph. 2:11-12)
    - b. Belonging to Satan (Col. 1:13)
    - c. Good Citizens of Satan's Kingdom (Eph. 2:1-3)

## Preview:

- In Christ

## Sermon:

**1 Corinthians 15:22** - "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

- "in Adam" and "in Christ"
  - Not in America or another country
  - Not in a particular color of skin
  - Not in a particular job or not
  - Not in a particular economic class or not
  - Not in a house or not
- Two main descriptors of "identity"
  - No control over either

## In Christ

1. **Justification** - Rom. 5:16, 18
  - a. Forgiven of all sins (Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:13)
  - b. Imputed with Christ's +R (Rom. 3:20-26)

- c. Permanent Atonement (Rom. 5:1, 6-11)
- 2. **Sanctification** - 1 Cor. 1:2, 30
  - a. Dead to Sin (Rom. 6:2)
  - b. Alive unto God (Rom. 6:11)
  - c. Sons of God (Rom. 8:14-15)
- 3. **Exaltation** - Rom. 8:30; 2 The. 1:12
  - a. One New Man (Eph. 2:15)
  - b. Citizenship in Christ's Heavenly Kingdom (Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:12-13; 2 Tim. 4:18)
  - c. Heavenly Vocation & Impact (Eph. 4:1; 3:9-11)

**Conclusion:**

- Non-fluid, unchangeable by natural means
  - If it is something we inherit and not something we choose, then the change is something we choose; however, it isn't something we can change ourselves.