

Blessed In Christ
Ephesians 1:10
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Acts 19:1-10

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In Christ

- ⇒ New Representation
- ⇒ New Position
- ⇒ New Possessions
- ⇒ Identity

Quote

It's possible for a Christian to suffer from identity theft and then identity loss, and it can be very difficult to regain. And the result is, to use an expression of our forefathers, that we end up living below the level of our privileges. We don't realize who we are—that is, who we are in Christ. We don't realize that in Christ, everything that's in Him is now ours. And if we are in Christ, then He wants everything that is His to become ours too... we can live the Christian life with our heads held high because we know who we are. Nobody in all the world is more privileged or has a more glorious identity than the man or the woman or the young person who can say, "I am in Christ—that's who I am."

Ἄμωμος (Amomos)

Jude v. 24-25

ἀπολύτρωσις (apolutrósis) - a release affected by payment of ransom

Quote of the Week

Think of it this way. This is what Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:3–4; it's what it means to be in Christ. We receive every spiritual blessing in Him because we've been chosen in Him. We've been predestined in Him. We've been reconciled in Him. We've been pardoned in Him. We experience illumination in Him. We are given adoption in Him. We are brought to sanctification in Him—and all to the praise of His glorious grace. This is who I am if I'm a Christian.

Discussion Questions

- a. Would you feel strange if you were called “holy” by a friend, loved one, or coworker on a daily basis? Would it encourage or discourage you?
- b. Do you tend to enjoy portions of scripture that focus more on theology or Christian living? Thankfully both are present in Ephesians.
- c. How do you feel knowing that in Christ you were chosen before the foundation of the world?
- d. If it's true that God chose the eternal destiny of every single person, meaning God also chose who will be eternally separated from him, does it change your view of Him? Note: this is called double predestination. I don't fall into this camp and we'll talk about it next Sunday.
- e. What about the phrase and thought about being “in Christ” means the most to you?