

Finding Freedom

Finding Freedom From Self

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Paul will tell us:

- You are in Christ.
- How you got to be in Christ.
- How to live because you are in Christ.

Ephesians 1:1-6 - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

1. The key to a positive self-image is to know who you are _____ Christ.
2. God does not work from the outside in; God does not modify your behavior in order to change you. God changes your _____ in order to _____ your behavior.

John 8:31-32 - To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you **hold** to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² **Then** you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3. It is truth that frees you. What is truth? Truth is what _____.

Big Idea: You need to recognize your _____ in Christ.

Ephesians 1:1 - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, **to the saints** which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

4. The word "Saint" means: "A sanctified one. One that God has _____ righteous and set aside for Himself."

Ephesians 1:4 - For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be **holy** and **blameless** in his sight. In love . . .

5. _____ literally means: Without blemish, or spotless.

Romans 4:4-6 - Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, . . . ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God **credits** righteousness apart from works . . . NASU

6. The word "credits" means: To put that _____ account.

7. The Bible teaches that we are saved by grace through faith, not of ourselves, not of works. And, when I trust Christ, the moment I trust Christ, the moment I give my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, at that moment, I become a saint. I am righteous.

Romans 4:7-8 - "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. ⁸ Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." NASU

8. Why do you need to understand that? Because until you see who you are, you're not going to think of yourself like you should, and therefore not _____ like you ought to behave.

Romans 12:3- "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

Your righteousness does not relate to your works at all, it relates to your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.