

What are some things God says about the New Testament believer in Christ?

The following is not a complete listing of every reference to being in Christ or in the Lord. This list represents those things which God imputes [counts] true of us as He considers us in Christ.

- Ephesians 1:3 - God says all good words [blessings] about me in Christ. All these things I have in Him are good things which God says.
- Ephesians 1:6 - God has **graced** [A.V. “accepted”] me in Christ. I don’t deserve Him to say any of these things. Especially when I understand that God graciously counts Christ’s death to me, when I did not have to experience the suffering involved in that death. see Romans 5:2; 1 Corinthians 1:4; 1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2:1
- Romans 6:8, 11 - We died with Christ, by being counted to be in Him. Galatians 2:20 - We died because we were crucified with Him. Colossians 3:3
- Romans 6:11 - We are living ones towards God.
- Romans 8:1 - We are not condemned [really judged].
- Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13; Galatians 3:28 - All believers united together are one body-the body of Christ.
- Romans 15:17 - We have a boast in Christ because as priests we can do a temple work. cp 1 Corinthians 1:31; 15:31; 2 Corinthians 10:17; Philippians 1:26; Philippians 3:3
- 1 Corinthians 1:2 - We are sanctified [set apart to God]. By being put into Christ, we are set apart from this world and placed at the Father’s right hand, and in the Father. Since we are sanctified [made holy- set apart] we are saints [holy ones - set apart ones]. see Philippians 1:1; 4:21; Colossians 1:2
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 - Since, we are in Him, Christ is now wisdom for us. Some of God’s knowledge is applied to us in Christ. We can avail ourselves of this wisdom as we relate to our position in Him.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 - Christ has been made righteousness for us. We are made God’s kind of righteousness in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Corinthians 9:21 - We are in-lawed to Christ. In Him we can love and are not lawless.
- 2 Corinthians 3:14 - A Jew has his special blind removed when he is put into Christ.
- Galatians 2:4 - We have liberty in Christ. We have been set free from the Law. Romans 7:4; 8:2
- Galatians 3:14 - We [especially Gentiles] have benefited from **one** blessing which was given to Abraham.
- Galatians 3:26 - We are sons [mature family members] not mere infants or children.
- Galatians 3:28 - We are not distinguished as to race [Jew or Gentile], status [slave or free], sex [male or female], we are one! cp Colossians 3:11; Ephesians 3:6. As a result physical circumcision or the lack of it does not count for anything (or “make anything strong”) Galatians 5:6
- Ephesians 1:7 - We have complete redemption [purchased and set free] cp Colossians 1:14; Romans 3:24
- Ephesians 1:7 - We have our trespasses [offenses in action or choice] sent away [forgiven]. Our sins are also forgiven, for which see Colossians 1:14
- Ephesians 1:11 - We were made an inheritance for Christ in Christ. Think about that. God made you something which Christ inherited.
- Ephesians 1:13 - We are sealed into Him by the Holy Spirit. We can not be removed from our position in Him.

- Ephesians 2:5-6 - We were made alive together in Christ. see Romans 6:11
- Ephesians 2:6 - We are raised [resurrected] from a state of death; Colossians 2:12 - We have been raised together with Him. 3:1
- Ephesians 2:6 - We are seated together in the heavenlies. Christ sat down at the right hand of the Father and we are seated in Him. Think of it, seated by God and in God.
- Ephesians 2:13 - We are made near to God. We were far away but now, seated in Christ we are very near to God.
- Ephesians 2:15 - We have been created together with others whether from the Gentiles or the Jews, into One New Man. cp Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17 This is called the New Creation and is **one** man, not new men. Galatians 6:15
- Ephesians 2:21-22 - We, with all believers in this dispensation, are being built into a spiritual house, a dwelling place of God.
- Ephesians 3:6 - We [the Gentiles] are absolutely equal heirs with the Jews [not the nation of Israel] who are now in the body. Simply, Jews saved today, do not have something better than the Gentile who is saved today. They have an equal status, in fact they have ceased to be either Jew or Gentile in Christ. Jews and Gentiles are of the very same body and equal partakers. see Galatians 3:28
- Ephesians 3:12 - We have boldness and access. By Him, we have access to the Father (2:18). He is seated by the Father. He is in the Father. So we have a close access to the Father. Philemon 8
- Philippians 3:3 - We have a priestly service in Christ (see Romans 15:17).
- Colossians 1:14 - We have our sins sent away [forgiven]. Since we are redeemed, the penalty is paid for and the sin is sent away. This is the result of complete redemption. cf. Ephesians 4:32
- Colossians 2:10 - We were made the fullness. Fullness refers to the complete full grown New Man comprised of all believers in this dispensation, united to Jesus Christ the Head.
- Colossians 2:11 - We have been spiritually circumcised. We have been cut off from the body dominated by the flesh [sin nature]. Philippians 3:3
- Colossians 2:12 - We have been buried together with Him. cf. Romans 6:3-4
- Colossians 2:20 - We died with Christ to the basic elements of the world system. The Law is part of the elements (cf. Galatians 4:9).
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - We are in the Father. Christ is in the Father and since we are in Him, we are also in the Father. Therefore, positionally, we also have an intimate relationship to the Father. cf. John 14:20; Colossians 2:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 John 4:16

There are some practical benefits of this position in Christ. God specifically directs us to relate to our position in Christ in many situations.

- Romans 6:4 - You can walk in newness of life as we relate to our position as dead to the sin nature and buried with Christ. cp v. 7
- Romans 6:11 - We are to logically count to be true, that we are dead ones towards the sin nature but living towards God **in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- Romans 16:22 - We can serve in the Lord, just as Tertius took dictation from Paul, but did it in the Lord [seeing himself as in the Lord, and serving the Lord and His body]. cp 1 Corinthians 9:1
- 1 Corinthians 7:39 - When we marry, we are limited to those in the Lord. If another is not in the Lord [because he or she is not a believer] we can not share these things with him or her.
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 - We can labor in our position in the Lord. Such labor is not empty. 1 Thessalonians 5:12
- 2 Corinthians 2:14 - We have been made to triumph in Christ.
- Philippians 3:14 - He calls up to our position. God calls to come up and abide in our place in Christ. We are to make that position the frame of our mind. 2:1 [think]; 4:2 Galatians 5:10 - Paul was persuaded that the Galatians wouldn't reflectively think anything else.
- Ephesians 5:8 - We are light in the Lord. In our position we can manifest God's kind of life (cp John 1:4).
- Ephesians 6:1 - Children can obey their parents in the Lord. Colossians 3:20
- Philippians 4:7 - God's peace will guard our hearts and minds in that position. When we make the position our frame work, then God's peace do this guarding.
- Philippians 4:19 - God will meet all our needs [spiritual not material, such as the spiritual strength in v. 13].
- Philippians 3:1 - We are to rejoice in the Lord. Such joy can be of a constant character because our position in the Lord is constant. cp 4:4
- Philippians 3:9 - We can do righteousness in Him. When we act outside of our position in the Lord, we are doing exactly what Paul didn't want, to be found in our own righteousness. But when we act, while making our position in Christ the frame of our mind, we can do righteous things. Romans 6:13, 19
- Philippians 4:1 - We are to stand in the Lord.
- Colossians 1:4 - We can exercise faith, not at our position in Christ, but in a promise that if we frame our minds with our position we can be strengthened in the inner man to resist Satan and accomplish God's purposes for us. cp Romans 5:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:10; 3:16; 1 Timothy 1:12; 14; 3:13; 2 Timothy 1:13
- Colossians 1:28 - We can be mature [perfect] in Him.
- Colossians 2:6 - We are to walk [order/organize or daily life] in our position in Christ.
- Colossians 2:7 - We are to be rooted and set firm on a foundation in Him. You can not be grounded if you will not relate to your position in Christ.
- Colossians 2:7 - We are to abound. Once rooted and founded in Him, we can then abound.
- Colossians 2:20-23 - We are not to be in submission to the basic legal principles of this world system, since we have died with Christ to those basic principles.

- Colossians 3:1-3 - We to seek the things above, since we are raised with Christ and then to make those things the frame of our mind. “Frame” a translation of the Greek *phren* and *phroneo* describes a mental fence which restricts one’s thinking to and from various truths.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12 - Some can organize others as service in the Lord.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - We can be thankful in all things in Him. cp Ephesians 5:20
- 2 Timothy 3:12 - We live godly in Christ. Godliness is only possible as we relate to our position in Christ.
- 1 Peter 3:16 - We can have good conduct [our daily routine] in Christ.
- 1 John 2:5 - We can know in our experience that we are in Him by His love being used through us. 3:24; 4:13; 4:15, 16 [last one “in God”]
- 1 John 2:27, 28 - We are to be at ease in our position in Christ. We can then be taught by the Holy Spirit [“Anointing”].
- 1 John 3:6 - When we are at ease in Him, we do not sin [at that point]. Simply, you can not choose to sin and at the same time have your position in Christ as the frame of your mind. You might “think” something about your position in Christ, but that is not the same as “reflectively thinking” or “setting your frame of mind”. cp Romans 6:3, 4, 7, 11