

What are some things God says about me in Christ. (with additional notes)

The following list 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 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” God says all good words [blessings] about me in Christ. All things I have in Him are good things which God says.

Ephesians 1:6 - “To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has graced us in the Beloved.” God has graced [AV “accepted,” ESV “blessed”] 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. cf. Romans 5:2; 1 Corinthians 1:4; 1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2:1

Romans 6:8, - “Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him” Galatians 2:20 - We died because we were crucified with Him.

Romans 6:11 - “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” We died with Christ, by being counted to be in Him. Colossians 3:3 We are living ones towards God.

☐ Romans 8:1 - “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” We are not condemned [really judged]. For Christ bore our judgment.

☐ Romans 12:5 - “so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” All believers united together are one body-the body of Christ.

☐ 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13 - “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” All believers united together are one body-the body of Christ.

☐ Romans 15:17 - “In Christ Jesus, then, I have a boast of my priestly work for God. ”We have a boast in Christ because as priests we can do a temple work. cf 1 Corinthians 1:31; 15:31; 2 Corinthians 10:17; Philippians 1:26; Philippians 3:3

☐ 1 Corinthians 1:2 - “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.” We are sanctified [set apart to God]. By putting us in Christ, God set us apart from this world and

placed at His right hand. Since we are sanctified, [made holy—set apart] we are saints [holy ones—set apart ones]. cf. Philippians 1:1; 4:21; Colossians 1:2

☐ 1 Corinthians 1:30 - “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,” 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 - “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,” Christ has been made righteousness for us. We are made God’s

☐ kind of righteousness in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 “For our sake He (the Father) made Him (Christ) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become God’s righteousness.”

☐ 1 Corinthians 9:21 - “To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law concerning God but in-lawed regarding Christ) that I might win those outside the law.” We are in-lawed to Christ. In Him we can love and are not lawless.

☐ Galatians 2:4 - “Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in —who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in

Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us” We have liberty in Christ. We have been set free from the Law.

☐ Romans 7:4 - “Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.” We have been set free from the Law, by dying with Christ in the body of Christ.

☐ Romans 8:2 - “For the principle of the Spirit of life has freed you in Christ Jesus from the principle of sin and death.”

☐ Galatians 3:26 - “for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”

☐ Galatians 3:28 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” We are not distinguished as to race [Jew or Gentile], status [slave or free], sex [male or female], we are one! cf. 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 - “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,” We have complete redemption [purchased and set free] cp Colossians 1:14; Romans 3:24

☐ Ephesians 1:7 - “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,” 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 - “In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ” We were made an inheritance for Christ in Christ. Think about that. God made you something which Christ inherited.

☐ Ephesians 1:13 - “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,” We are sealed into Him by the Holy Spirit. We cannot be removed from our position in Him.

☐ Ephesians 2:4-5 - “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead by means of our trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—” The “together in Christ” emphasizes a shared standing with all who believe in Christ. No believer is seen as better or worse than any other in Christ. cf. Romans 6:11

☐ Ephesians 2:6 - “and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” We are raised [resurrected] from a state of death.

☐ Colossians 2:12 - We have been raised together with Him. 3:1 "Since then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

☐ Ephesians 2:6 - "and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus," 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 - "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." We are made near to God. We were far away but now, seated in Christ we are very near to God.

☐ Ephesians 2:15 - "by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace," We have been created together with others whether from the Gentiles or the Jews, into One New Man. cf Ephesians 2:10;

☐ 2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." This is called the New Creation and is one man, not new men.

Galatians 6:15

☐ Ephesians 2:21-22 - “in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” We, with all believers of the Church, are being built into a spiritual house, a dwelling place of God.

☐ Ephesians 3:6 - “This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” 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. cf. Galatians 3:28

☐ Ephesians 3:12 - “This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.” 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. cf. Philemon 8

☐ Philippians 3:3 - “For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ” We have a priestly service we may perform in Christ (see Romans 15:17).

☐ Colossians 1:14 - "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." 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 2:8-10 - "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled full in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority." We were made the fullness. Fullness refers to the complete full grown New Man comprised of all believers in the Church, united to Jesus Christ the Head.

☐ Colossians 2:11 - "In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ," We, males and females, have been spiritually circumcised, having been cut off from the body dominated by the flesh [sin nature]. cf. Philippians 3:3

☐ Colossians 2:12 - "having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." We

have been buried together with Him. This is not water baptism, but the baptism from the Spirit which places us in Christ. cf Romans 6:3-4

☐ Colossians 2:20 - "If with Christ you died to the elemental things of the world, why, as if you were still living in the world, do you submit to regulations – 'Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch' (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?" We died with Christ to the basic elements of the world system. The Law is part of the elements (cf Galatians 4:9). The restrictions reflect the life of the immature living under the basic principles of this system.

☐ 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - "Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace." 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.

☐ John 14:20 - "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."

☐ John 17:21-23 - "that they may all be one thing, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one thing in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one thing even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become

matured into one thing, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” The “one thing” is the body of Christ, the new man, where no differences between believers exist.

□ Colossians 2:1-2 - “For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of the mystery concerning God even the Father and the Christ”

Believers are in one thing—the body—in the Father and in the Son. When believers are relating to that truth, it affects them by knitting their hearts together in love. Mentally appreciating the unified position has a practical affect in believers’ relationships with one another.