

The Wonderful Gift in Christ

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- A deep and complex subject:
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Every Spiritual Blessing in The Heavenly Places in Christ

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- In Christ ... A spiritual relationship
- In Christ ... A spiritual fellowship
- In Christ ... A spiritual location

Not the Details, Just the Magnitude

- Rom 16:7 who also were in Christ before me.
- 1Cor 4:15 in Christ Jesus I begot you through the gospel
- 1Cor 15:18 they also that are fallen asleep in Christ
- Gal 1:22 churches of Judea which were in Christ.
- Gal 5:6 in Christ Jesus circumcision avails nothing
- Eph 1:1 saints ... in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:
- Eph 1:10 might gather together in one all things in Christ,
- Eph 2:13 in Christ Jesus you ... far off been brought near
- Eph 3:11 the eternal purpose he purposed in Christ Jesus
- Eph 3:21 to him (be) the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
- Phil 1:1 To all the saints in Christ Jesus in Philippi,

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- Phil 3:14 prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus
- Phil 4:21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus.
- Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ
- Col 1:28 we may present every man perfect in Christ;
- 1 Th 4:16 the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 1 Th 2:14 churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Tim 3:12 all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer
- Philem 1:23 Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus,
- 1Pet 5:14 Peace to you all who are in Christ.

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- Rom 3:24 **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus
- Rom 6:23 **eternal life** in Christ Jesus
- Rom 8:1 **no condemnation** in Christ Jesus
- Rom 8:39 **the love of God** in Christ Jesus
- 1Cor 1:2 **sanctified** in Christ Jesus
- 1Cor 1:4 **grace of God** given you in Christ
- 1Cor 15:22 **be made alive** in Christ Jesus
- 2 Cor 2:14 **leads us in triumph** in Christ
- 2 Cor 5:17 **a new creation** in Christ Jesus

Blessings in Christ

- Rom 6:11 *alive to **God** in Christ Jesus*
- Gal 2:4 *our **liberty** which we have in Christ*
- Gal 3:14 *the blessing of Abraham in Christ*
- Eph 2:7 ***grace** and kindness toward us in Christ*
- Eph 4:32 *God also in Christ also **forgave you***
- Col 1:28 *present every man **perfect** in Christ*
- 2 Tim 1:1 *the **promise of life** which is in Christ*

How do We Get In Christ

- Close spiritual relationship. fellowship & brotherhood shared with Jesus as Savior, Lord, and King.
- Can't be a new creation until in Christ, because that's where power of the blood places us after forgiveness
- Faith, (Mk. 16:16)
- Repentance, (Acts 2:38)
- Confession, (Rom. 10:9-10)
- These are steps that must be taken in obedience to the gospel plan of salvation.
- But even after all these things are done, we are still dead in our trespasses and sins until we are buried with him in baptism.

Rom 6:3-8; Gal 3:27; Col 2:11-13;

- *For as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death. Rom 6:3*
- *Therefore we **were buried with Him through baptism**. Rom. 6:4*
- *“For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**. Gal. 3:27*
- These are not my words.
- They are not “church of Christ” doctrine.
- They are the words of the New Testament!
- How else could we possibly interpret them?

Baptism

- *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. Rom 6:3-7*

Baptism

- *buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col 2:12-14*

Putting these truths in Order

- Even after believing, repenting and confessing, still “*dead in your trespasses,*”
- When we were “*buried with Him in baptism,*” “*through faith in the working of God,*” “*our old man was crucified with Him.*”
- After we “*died with Him,*” we were “*made alive together with Him.*”
- As we are raised up out of that water, we are “*raised with Him to walk in newness of life.*” Col. 2:11-13; Rom. 6:3-7

The Gospel I (Paul) Preached

- *Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the **gospel** **which I preached to you**, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. 1Cor 15:1-2*
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- **Which I preached** to you
- **Which you received**
- In **which you stand**
- By **which you are saved**
- If you hold fast the **word which I preached**

The Gospel I (Paul) Preached

- *For **I delivered** to you **first of all** that **which I also received**: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 1Cor. 15:3-4*
- **Christ died for our sins** according to Scripture
- **He was buried,**
- **He rose again the third day** according to Scripture

The Gospel Paul (& Peter) Preached

Christ



Died



Buried



Raised

The Gospel Paul Preached



Christ Died
For our Sins
Crucified
with Him



He was
Buried
Buried
with Him



He was Raised
From the Dead
Raised
with Him

Therein is revealed how God makes man righteous

Baptism – Rom 6:3-6

Christ & the one Baptized



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Buried



Raised

with Him **with & into Him** **with Him**

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*we were buried **with Him** through baptism into death*

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*our **old man was crucified with Him***

- The Parable of Naaman
- Naaman was a leper.
- Elijah told him to dip 7 times in the Jordan.
- Initially made him angry ... dirty Jordan River...

Naaman's Scoffing

- *Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 2 Kings 5:9-13*

Submission Brought Results

- *And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." 2 Kings 5:13-15*

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- As simple as Elijah's words to Naaman.
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After dying, buried and raised with Him

- *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10*
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- All by going through the water of baptism...