

Who am I in Christ!
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Do you want to know who you are in Christ? Maybe, you just want to know what “Who am I in Christ” means. Whatever the reason, welcome to the process of truly finding out what changed in you after you trusted in Jesus alone for salvation.

What does “Who am I in Christ” mean?

When a person gives their life to Christ they are a new creation 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”* There are many places in the Bible that discuss who you become when you give your life to Christ and thus “who you are in Christ”. Learning and applying who you are is crucial for you truly growing in your walk with Christ and advancing from chair two to chair three and beyond.

We find who we are in Christ in scripture. If you can’t take a concept back to scripture then you should be very careful about believing and living by it. The format of these lessons are, read the complete passage, then go verse by verse looking for who you are in Christ, finally under that there will be a short explanation of what I found in the verse. Just because you found a different application than I did doesn’t make either of us wrong. I know if this is your first time this may look a bit intimidating and that is ok. Just stop right now and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what in each verse. After you give it a try check the notes and see if there are other ideas you can glean from and keep moving. It is key to find a more mature Christian to help you and as you get stuck ask for their help in finding “who you are in Christ” from scripture. So, let’s get started with our first passage from Colossians 1:15-23.

Read Colossians 1:15-23

Now let’s go back and look at each verse individually.

This first section is ‘Who Christ is’. If we don’t know who He is, then we really can’t know who we are supposed to be in Him.

V.15-20 Who Christ is

V.15 What do you see about Christ? _____

-He is the visible image of the invisible God! Have you ever thought, “How can I trust I God I can’t see?” Guess what we have a visible example of Him in our Savior Jesus!-

V.16 What did you see about Christ? _____

-He created all things. That’s pretty powerful-

V.17 What did you see about Christ? _____

-He keeps all things together-

V.18 What did you see about Christ? _____

-He is the head of all.

-Think about how great it is that I can learn from the best.

V.19 What did you see about Christ? _____

-He is Fully God. Some say He wasn’t God but instead say something else like, ‘He is just a son of God’ or ‘teacher’ or ‘a prophet’. Here we are told that He was GOD. That is good to know.-

V.20 What did you see about Christ? _____

-His goal is to reconcile all to himself.

-He doesn't just want the "goodie goodies" but everyone including a sinner like you and me!

V.21 What were we before Christ changed us?

V.21 _____

Shut out, hostile and acting evil..... I think it is jarring to think, "I was hostile to Christ before I accepted him," but if I am telling God, "I've got it all on my own and I don't need His sacrifice on the Cross," that does seem a bit hostile!

V.22-23 Who am I in Christ?

V.22 Who am I in Christ? _____

-Jesus reconciled us by His body and death.

-Why? To present YOU, to God the Father, holy, blameless and above reproach. Here is what above reproach means in the Greek "unaccusable". Do you still let Satan accuse you or guilt you for things that happened before you knew Christ or guilt you for things you have already confessed to Him? This verse is saying that you are unaccusable under Christ. You don't have to live in guilt but may live in freedom.

V.23 What is the IF all about? _____

-We will deal with guilt if we don't continue in faith.

-God wants us to stay stable and not shifting away from the hope of the Gospel. That is important. "But I still live in Guilt". Have you confessed that sin? If so, then continue in His plan and remember that He washed away all the sin. sin tries to guilt us into believing that we can't make a difference for Jesus and according to Colossians 1:22, that is a lie.

So, lets apply this passage!

Don't live in guilt but live as one that is unaccusable.

Who are we in Christ in this passage? _____

-We are Holy, blameless, and unaccusable before God for what happened in the past!-

Take the time to really think and pray through how these truths apply to your life! Write it out looking for thought patterns you will change through the power of the Holy Spirit. By allowing these new learned truths to affect your heart, it will not only give you more knowledge but a growing love relationship with Jesus and an increasing confidence as you live life in His power.

Who am I in Christ?
Colossians 2:6-15

Read Colossians 2:6-15

Just like last time let's go back and take each verse one at a time. After you have looked at each verse you can go back and check out what I loved and took from each verse but make sure you try first. This isn't easy at first, but don't give up. Ask the Holy Spirit and see what happens. The more personal ownership one can take the better but do work on it at your pace and level of understanding.

V.6 Who am I? _____

-As you received Him walk in Him.....

-So many times people say, "I just don't know how to hear Jesus" or "I just don't know what to do." If you gave your life to God then take a second and remember how you received him; trusting, desperate, completely His, etc.... but that is how He wants us to walk in Him. With the simplicity of how we started the journey!

V.7 Who am I? _____

-Rooted and built up in Him. You have a foundation and you can build on that foundation. We need to put down root. Aka, get questions answered, learn what the Bible says, etc... We must remember that we are rooted and built up in/on Him.

-Established in faith

-Remembering what you were taught: you have to learn to remember and you have to listen to learn which takes effort.

-Abounding in thanksgiving: "to exceed a fixed measure" Christ does not want us to live our life out of guilt or obligation, but, out of thanksgiving!

V.8 Who am I? _____

-"See to it..."

-When you are in Christ there are people who are going to try to drag you away from the truth.

V.9-10 Who am I? _____

-You are filled with the full God. You have the fullness of the Deity living in you. Wow, Thank you Holy Spirit for coming to live in me and guide me. Who am I? I am a man filled with God!

V.12 Who am I? _____

-Baptized and raised in the power of Him who raised the dead.

-That is some major power!

V.13-15 Who am I? _____

-Remember, you are forgiven and your debts are cancelled!

-Now look at verse 14 and look at these two words from the KJV. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;"

Check out the definitions from the underlined words above.

Blotting out - "to anoint or wash in every part, to besmear: i.e. cover with lime (to whitewash or plaster), to wipe off, wipe away, to obliterate, erase, wipe out, blot out"

handwriting - "a handwriting, what one has written by his own hand a note of hand or writing in which one acknowledges that money has either been deposited with him or lent to him by another, to be returned at the appointed time"

Who am I? I am forgiven of everything. Jesus came and erased our sins. He not only not paid for but erased our debt, the debt that we personally wrote/did in our lives. He nailed it to the Cross and it is forever gone. We are forgiven.

There are many "who I am in Christ" statements in this passage but what is that you need to take home today. What do you need to remind yourself of as you live life over the next few days, weeks, or years? Take the time to write out the freedom God wants for you today and who you are in Christ now!

Who am I in Christ?
Colossians 3:1-11

If you noticed we skipped a few verses (Colossians 2:16-23). Feel free to read them. But, to summarize, they are say; Don't add rules or traditions or make them as if they are the bible. Many in history have decided that the Bible needed help in keeping people going the right way which is clearly wrong according to Colossians 2:23.

Back to Who am I in Christ?

Read Colossians 3

Make sure you read the scripture for context before starting to look at each individual verse.

Here we go!

V.1 Who am I? _____

-You are raised with Christ.

-Notice the word raised. If one is raised they have to be raised from something, our old/sin self.

Remember, we are now new in Christ.

-Notice that we are to seek the thing from above, the right hand of God. We are raised with Christ to seek that which is from the right hand of God.

V.2 Who am I? _____

- I am one with a different mindset. Not on earth but from above.

-Note: If things are repeated in the Bible, He is really trying to make sure we notice it!

V.3 Who am I? _____

-I am hidden with Christ.

-Take a moment to think about this concept..... If I am hidden with Christ then what do people see when they look at me? They see Christ, not the old self but Christ and His changes in my life!

V.4 Who am I? _____

-He is my life, my everything, and my way to Heaven!

V.5-6 I need to destroy _____ in my life.

-Why do I need to get rid of these earthly things? Verse 6 says because of these things God's wrath is coming.

V.7-10 Who am I? _____

What do I need to put off? _____

-V.10 I am a new self.

-But, I have to put that self on and also put off those old ugly things listed in these verses. I love how they are action verses. It is not just done for us but we must choose if we are going to put the new on and take the old off. We must remember that He gives us the Holy Spirit and all the power that comes with Him, remembering to also ask for His help, and being willing to lose the old things. As a new person you should not look like you did before you met Christ.

V.11 Who am I? _____

-I am equal in Christ!

-My past does not matter. My money does not matter. My skin does not matter. My body does not matter. Christ Equalizes it all. I am EQUAL!

Make sure you write out “Who you are in Christ” below according to this passage and how today’s session touched your heart!

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Who am I in Christ?
Colossians 3:12 - 4:1

Who you are in Christ is a big deal! During this session, we are going to ask a few questions that look similar to the last three sessions but add more application question to help you learn how to apply truths and who you are in Christ.

Read Colossians 3:1-4:1

V.12 Who are we in Christ? _____

-God's chosen ones, holy and beloved

Because of these what are we to put on? _____

Look at the words you listed above and take the time to see how they apply to "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved?"

Compassionate Hearts _____

- *Here is one example: I know how it feels to be chosen out of sin and now I have "compassion" for those who haven't felt chosen because I want to see them receive the same in their lives.*

Kindness _____

Humility _____

Meekness _____

Patience _____

-you may not have an answer for each one but look for the ones God wants to use in your life now. Next time there may be a different word that challenges you.

V.13 Who am I in Christ? _____

-Forgiven

How does being forgiven help me do all the tough things listed in this verse? _____

-I must remember what God did for me, to truly deal with those who hurt me. Bearing and forgiving is much easier when I remember how much God bears and forgives me for, on a daily basis.

V.14 Who am I in Christ? _____

-Note: "Above all" in this verse. Think about why love is above all.

V.15 Who am I in Christ? _____

- Full of Peace.

-How do I get that peace? Hebrews 3 tells a story of the Israelites not living in God's rest because of disobedience. When we live in obedience with Christ we receive the peace to go along with it!

V.16-17 Who am I in Christ? _____

- A mouth piece!

-When we are a Christ follower, we represent Him in everything we do. Do I live my life asking the question, "how does this make Jesus look to others?" Do I give him Credit for what He deserves in my life?

V. 18- 4:1 What persons listed below do you identify with?

Wives, Husbands, Children,
bondservants/employees, Masters/Bosses,
As someone who is in Christ, how are you to act towards the people you identify with? _____

According to v.23 why is one to do these things? _____

According to v.24 why is one to do these things? _____

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