

Christ in You

Part 2

Col. 1:24-29 'Christ in you, the hope of glory'

Our family, social and cultural inheritance, as well as our past are all factors that shape who we are and what we are capable of doing.

That which could have the right to define who you are, are not these things but Christ in you.

2 Cor. 5:17 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.'

Rom 6:11 '..... reckon yourself to be dead to sin.....'

- New dimension
- New conclusion
- New reality

I am now what God says I am. I live now as God would want me to live. I can do what God says I can do. I am a winner because God says I am. I am always victorious because God says I am. I am clever/bright because He says I am. All this because of the new nature that I have received in Christ Jesus.

- **Gal. 1:11-16** 'A revelation of Christ'
- **Gal. 2:19-20** 'Christ lives His life in me'
- **Gal. 4:19** 'Christ is formed in me'
- **Eph. 3:14-19** 'Christ dwells in me'
- **2 Thess. 1:10** 'Christ glorified in me and admired among all those who believe'

The goal of the gospel is to present every man perfect in Christ.

(Re-created, the new nature / Identity in Christ)

Deut. 6:25 'And then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.'

- Righteousness always comes by being obedient to the law 100%, which means the 10 commandments, the Law of Moses. Just one violation will mean that you have not been obedient.
- 100% obedience is the same as being perfect. Being perfect is the same as being holy.
- Righteousness means being able to stand before God with no form of rejection, inferiority or unworthiness.
- Matt. 5:20 'For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.'
- Matt. 5:48 'Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.'
- Matt. 23:13 'But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees! For you
- If anyone is righteous, it means that either he or she is perfect, and if anyone is fully obedient, he or she is a perfect person.

Inheritance is not about what you have done but what you have received

3 Hinges

- ✓ Inheritance / Adoption
- ✓ Faith / confidence
- ✓ All behavior is a result of identity

'Make the tree (people) good, then the fruit will also be good' Matt.12:33-37

How do you do it??????????

Rom. 5:19 'For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.'

2 Cor. 5:21 'For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (Christ).'

Jesus fulfilled the whole law.

Born of a virgin **Luke 1:26-27** / Circumcised on the 8th day **Luke 2:21** / 40 days after His birth He was presented to the Lord **Luke 2:22-24** / as a 12 year old - found in the temple / Jesus' baptism **Matt. 3:13-17**

He did God's will **Matt. 4:4** / Sin free – cast the first stone **John. 8:1-11** / brought before Caiaphas the high priest **John. 18:24** / Pilot said He was sin free/innocent/perfect **John. 18:38** / No one can take my life **Luke 4:28-30 & John 10:18**

Jesus now offers to trade places with you.

- **A righteous for an unrighteous**
- **A sinless one for a sinner**
- **A winner for a loser**
- **A success for a fiasco**
- **A healthy for an unhealthy**
- **A living for a dead**
- **A strong for a weak**
- **A hero for a weakling**
- **A free for a bound**
- **A rich for a poor etc**

God deals with you in the same way that you see yourself!

Psalm 18:26-27 'With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.'

Rom. 1:21-32 'Because they saw themselves as idol worshippers, immoral therefore God gave them up ...'

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

You are what you think you are. You can be what you think you can be. You live as you think you are capable of living.

Can you see yourself as one who has exchanged places with Jesus? All His is now yours.

Who now is the most righteous? Jesus or you???

Your answer will define your identity.

(Joseph – crown illustration – his ups and downs in life)