

In Christ

By ourselves, we are nothing. In Christ, we have everything. In Christ, we are under no sentence of judgment or condemnation (Romans 8:1). In Christ, we are part of an immensely wonderful body, no longer divided apart, but members of the most awesome group God has ever brought together (Romans 12:5). In Christ, every one of the promises God has given to us will come to fruition (2 Corinthians 1:19-20). In Christ, we have the victory over every trial, temptation, or attack which could come our way (2 Corinthians 2:14). In Christ, the Word of God comes alive and the cloud which has covered our minds is removed so that we can clearly perceive the wondrous wisdom of God (2 Corinthians 3:14). In Christ, the past is lost in a vast sea, and everything about us becomes spectacularly new and improved (2 Corinthians 5:17). In Christ, we become totally righteous, with no taint left of unrighteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21). In Christ, we experience total liberty and freedom (Galatians 2:4). In Christ, the physical differences of rich or poor; black, red, or white; male or female are removed and we can join a union of others who, like us, transcend all outward forms (Galatians 3:28). In Christ, the penalty for our past mistakes and crimes against God and man is paid in full (Ephesians 1:7). So long as we remain in Him, we have the evidence of eternal salvation (Ephesians 1:13). In Christ, we live in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 2:6). In Christ, good (and wonderful) works come forth through us on a continual basis by the power of God (Ephesians 2:10). In Christ, we have personal intimacy with the Creator of the universe (Ephesians 2:13 and 3:12). When we are fully in Christ, we will see the fulness of the rapture (Philippians 3:14). In Christ, we have total peace – of heart and mind (Philippians 4:7). In Christ, all of our needs are met by the incredibly bounteous provision of God's storehouse (Philippians 4:19). In Christ, we have been made complete, lacking nothing (Colossians 2:6-10). In Christ, the junk is removed (Colossians 2:11). In Christ, we are able to keep His Word, His commands, and His requirements for our lives. In Him, we walk in perfect love. In Him, we walk even as Christ walked (1 John 2:5-6). In Christ, we are taught about everything by the anointing of His Holy Spirit (1 John 2:27). In Christ, we

do not sin (1 John 3:6,24). In Christ, we abide in love, and God abides in us (1 John 4:16). In Christ . . . is everything!

So how do we live *in Christ*? That question and its answer summarize the purpose of the rest of this writing.