

"IN CHRIST"

Creation of Man in the Image of God

Genesis 1: 26, 27

- 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

Irrevocable, Inevitable Consequence

Genesis 2:17

- 17 **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die**

Genesis 3:19

- 19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

Genesis 3:15

- 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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- The **instant man** accepted the temptations of Satan, and did the very things God had said he should not do, **Christ, the Son of God, stood between the living and the dead, saying, “Let the punishment fall on Me. I will stand in man’s place. He shall have another chance.”** As soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour. Christ knew that He would have to suffer, yet He became man’s substitute. As soon as Adam sinned, the Son of God presented Himself as surety for the human race, with just as much power to avert the doom pronounced upon the guilty as when He died upon the cross of Calvary.

Life in Christ Jesus

John 10:10

- 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

John 6:3

- 33 **For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.**

Desire of Ages, p. 327

- “The work of redeeming us and our inheritance, lost through sin, fell upon Him who is ‘near of kin’ unto us. It was to redeem us that He became our kinsman.”

Synonyms of "in Christ" in Pauline's epistles

In Christ or In Christ Jesus. —

In Him

by Him

through Him

in the Beloved

together with Him etc .

These are synonymous terms implying the In Christ motif or idea.

1888 Study Committee understanding of "in Adam"

- All of Adam's descendants were in him and when he sinned they also sinned with Adam. The sin of Adam was in a realistic form their own sin.

1 Corinthians 15: 14, 21, 22

- 14 that if One died for all, then all died
- 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Romans 5:12

- 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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"One died for all, then all died," verse 14. Every man died in Christ. Not that man was paying the price for his sin. Man is not a co-redeemer with Christ. There is only one sufficient offering. That One is Christ. Furthermore, this is not a metaphysical ontological nature of mankind being in Christ. 11. When Jesus died He did so as mankind's representative and head, not as an individual. He was a corporate person, the Public Man. He took the full burden of the sin of the fallen race upon Himself, so that when He died all died. In this sense, as our representative, we were included "in Him."

Many vs All

- Romans 5:19
- 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

- **Isaiah 63:3**

- **3 I have trodden the winepress alone**; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.**

Leviticus 4

- The Sin Offering for the Congregation
- 13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;
- 14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.
- 16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:
- 17 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail.

Leviticus 4:13-17

- Offer a young bullock for the sin
- Placing hand on the head
- Shedding the blood
- Sprinkling the blood in the holy place

John 1: 14, 29

- 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- **Matthew 1: 23, 21**
- 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Daniel 9:26

- 26 "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:"

Psalms 69:4

- 4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Psalms 103:10

- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

2 Corinthians 5:21

- 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Galatians 4:4

- 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

- The Saviour trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour's agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched.{DA 693}

- **Romans 5:9-11**

- 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- 10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
- 11 **And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

Romans 5: 12

- 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; **and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
- DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN,
- ALL HAVE SINNED (aorist, past perfect historical tense)

"Paul makes it clear that the reason why Adam's death spread to all mankind is because all have sinned (aorist—past historical tense). This last phrase is an incomplete sentence. **There are only two ways we can truly complete this phrase. Either we all die because we all sinned LIKE Adam, or, we all die because we sinned IN Adam....** Therefore, if we say that we all die because we sinned like Adam, to be fair to Paul's analogy, we have to conclude that all live because all obeyed like Christ. This would completely contradict what Paul says about the human race in his epistles. Note for example, Romans 3:23—For all have sinned (past tense) and fall short (present tense) of the glory of God. Hence, **the only conclusion regarding Paul's phrase, all have sinned, is that we all sinned IN ADAM"**

-Jack Sequera, "THE IN CHRIST MOTIF", *The Gospel Study Group at Andrews University, September 13, 14, 2013*

Death Passed Upon All Men

- Note the justice here. Death passed upon all men, **"for that all have sinned."** "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."
Ezekiel 18:20.

E.T. Waggoner, *Waggoner in Romans*, p. 92.2

Romans 3: 25

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

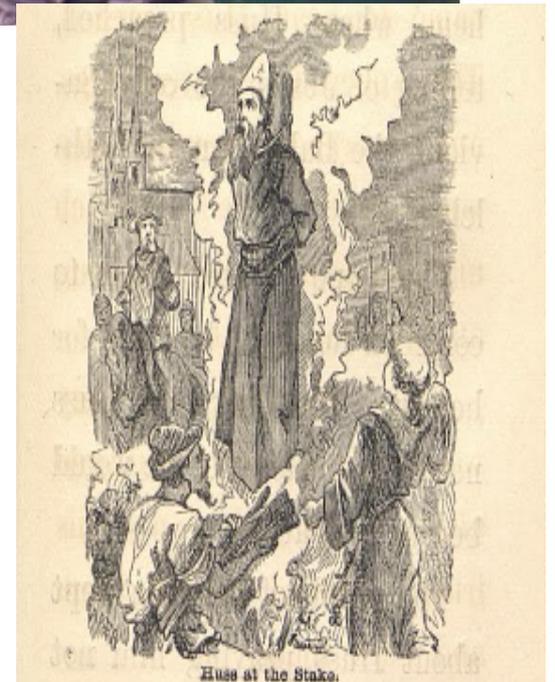
- And this righteousness of God is declared unto you and upon you for the remission of sins that are past. **How many of your sins are past? - All of them, to be sure. As soon as sin is committed, it is past.** expression, "sins that are past," covers every sin that ever has appeared in your life up to the moment at which you read this line.

A.T. Jones, ARSH October 5, 1897, p. 632.14

- And there is no chance of finding fault with the inevitable fact that we are inheritors of a sinful nature through Adam. We can not complain that we are unjustly dealt with. **It is true that we are not to blame for having a sinful nature, and the Lord recognises the fact. So he provides that just as in Adam we were made partakers of a sinful nature, even so in Christ we shall be made partakers of the divine nature.**
- *E.T. Waggoner, WOR 93.2*

"In Christ" in his Crucifixion, in his Death, in his Resurrection

1. By Baptism
2. By Communion Service
3. By Suffering
4. By His Words



Huss at the Stake.

1. "In Christ" by Baptism

Romans 6:3, 10, 8, 5

- 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**
- 10 For in that **he died, he died unto sin once:** but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- 8 **Now if we be dead with Christ,** we believe that we shall also live with him:
- 5 For if we have been planted together **in the likeness of his death,** we shall be **also in the likeness of his resurrection:**

Galatians 3:26-28

- 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.
- 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are **all one in Christ Jesus**.
- Through **BAPTISM**

Mark 10:38

- 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the **baptism** that I am baptized with?

In Christ through in Church-Christ's Body

Acts 2: 41-47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized**: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Colossians 1:18 **"the body of Christ - the Church"**

"In Christ" Synonyms of "Christian"

- 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13
- "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, *are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body* , whether we be Jews or Gentiles."
- 1 Corinthians 3:1 "*..even as unto babes in Christ .*"
- Romans 16:3 "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my *helpers in Christ Jesus* :

Galatians 2: 20

- 20 **I am crucified with Christ:** nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

- **Crucifixion with Him - As Christ was crucified, therefore, being baptized into his death means that we are crucified with him...** "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20...Our Old Man" Crucified. - We shall be in the likeness of his resurrection. If we are crucified with Christ, our sins must also be crucified with Christ, for they are a part of us. **Our sins were on him as he was crucified, so of course our sins are crucified if we are crucified with him.** But here is a difference between us and our sins when crucified. We are crucified in order that we may live again; our sins are crucified in order that they may be destroyed. Christ is not "the minister of sin" (Galatians 2:17). It was the life of God that raised him from the dead, and in that life there is no sin.

E.T. Waggoner, *Waggoner on Romans*, 104.4, 5

- Adam a Figure. - "Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come." How is Adam a figure of Him that was to come, namely, Christ? **Just as the following verses indicate, that is, Adam was a figure of Christ in that his action involved many besides himself.**

- It is evident that Adam could not give his descendants any higher nature than he had himself, so Adam's sin made it inevitable that all his descendants should be born with sinful natures. **Sentence of death**, however, **DOES NOT** pass on them for that, but because they have sinned. **WOR 92.5**

2. "In Christ" by Communion

- **1 Corinthians 11:24-26; Matt. 26:26-29**
- 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
- 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

3. "In Christ" in Suffering

Romans 8

- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; **if so be that we suffer with him**, that we may be also glorified together.
- 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? **shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

When Christ hanged at the cross does it mean we are all (humanity) TOGETHER with Him hanging there? Does what the phrase IN CHRIST implying to say, When Paul wrote the phrase in Christ did he recognized that he really imbodyed in Christ body? Then what really in Christ when He lay down His life on the Cross?

In Christ Revealed in Works

The works of Jesus testifies that the Father was in him, and he in Him.

John 10:38

- 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works:** that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him.**

John 14

- 11 **Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.**

John 8:29

- 29 **And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.**

Sin was "In Christ" when He was on the Cross to Resurrection

1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:6 & 11

- 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Hebrews 9:28

- 28 So **Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;** and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

- **Isaiah 53: 5,6,11**

- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, **he was bruised for our iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
- 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; **for he shall bear their iniquities.**

IN CHRIST in the SANCTUARY

1. Christ in Human Sinful Flesh:

In order that the **GOD** may dwell with us in human sinful flesh, to **vindicate** God's righteous character. To be our **brethren** with us. To set an **example**, to be a **lamb to sacrifice** for our sin, to be a **priest** from among **W** *Matt. 1:21; Jh. 1:14; Jh. 17:4; Heb. 2:11, 17; 1Pet.2:21; 1Pet. 1:19; Heb. 5:1.*

IN CHRIST in the SANCTUARY

2. Christ Death and Resurrection:

To DIE for the death penalty of Sin, to destroy the dominion of sin, He became sin for us, a sin barer, a ransom, He died alone

Rom. 6:23; 6:9; 2Cor. 5:21; Isa 53: 4-9; Isa. 63:3.

**In Human Sinful flesh God was In Christ,
Reconciling Us to Himself. Rom. 5:10; 2Cor. 5:
18-20**

Ephesians 1:3-6

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
- 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1

- Paul's Greetings
- 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, **to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**
- 2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:30

- 30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Ephesians 2

- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us **together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath **raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Paul prays that he may know him, and the "power of His resurrection." What is the power of that resurrection? In Eph. 2:4, 5, 6, and 7 we read, "But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us [made us alive] together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)." Notice, he hath done this, and he "hath raised us up and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." We were dead, we are quickened, and we are raised up to sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We must have, and we can have the life of Christ to-day, for when he comes, he will change our vile bodies by the same power by which he has changed our hearts. The heart must be changed now. It cannot be changed except by the life of Christ coming in and abiding in it. But when Christ is in the heart, we can live the life of Christ, and then when he comes, the glory will be revealed. He was Christ when he was here upon earth, although he did not have a retinue of angels and glory visible about him. He was Christ when he was the man of sorrows. Then when he ascended, the glory was revealed. So with us. Christ must dwell in our hearts now, and when he comes and changes these bodies, then the glory will be revealed.

John 14:20

- 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 5:24

- 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 11:25

- 25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

The Dead "in Christ" shall Rise First

1 Thessalonians 4:16

- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**