

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS. Ch.2.
In Christ.

The phrase "In Christ" occurs 14 times in the Book of Ephesians. They are as follows:

Ch.1:3,4,10,11,12,13,20. (vs 13 twice)

Ch.2:10,13,21,23. Ch.:3:11,12.

THE BELIEVER IS SAID TO BE: AND TO HAVE:

1. Chosen in Him from past eternity. 1:4.
2. Blessed with all sp. blessings. 1:3
The quality.....Spiritual
The place or realm.....Heavenlies.
The certainty of blessing....In Christ.
3. Accepted in Him/ 1:7. (Highly favored)
4. Have an inheritance. 1:11. Cf Caleb etc in the Jud.Ch.1. The inheritance was given
It had to be possessed.
5. He is sealed. 1:13. Made sure.. Owned.
6. He is created to good works. 2:10.
7. He is made nigh to God. 2:13.
8. He has boldness and access. 3:12.

IN THIS PHRASE WE HAVE EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR THE BELIEVER.

1. His Life. "With Xt in God". Joined to Him.
2. His Security. "Kept". Held by Him.
3. His Acceptance. "Accepted in" Sponsored by Him.
4. His Privilege. Access. Invited by Him.
5. His whole Position. In Him. In Christ.

THE BELIEVERS WALK IS IN CHRIST.

1. It denotes his activities.
2. It denotes His progress.
3. It determines his fellowships.

SOME THINGS SAID OF THE BELIEVERS WALK.

1. In the past. Acc to the course of this age
2. In the present. In a path prepared.

Five injunctions regarding the walk.

1. Walk worthily. 4:1
2. Walk differently..fr. Gentiles. 4:17,24.
3. Walk lovingly.....Love in heart. 5:2.
4. Walk intelligently. 5:8.
5. Walk accurately. 5:15.

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THE PHRASE "IN CHRIST" SPEAKS TO US OF :

1. A POSITION.

- In the ark----Not outside.
- In the house.--Not in Egypt.
- In the house--As Rahab and family.

2. A RELATION. Vitally joined to Christ.

- A member in His Body.
- A branch in the Vine.
- A stone in the Temple.

3. AN ATTITUDE.

- Of dependence on the Head.
- Of waiting for His direction.
- Of obedience to His impulse.
- Of satisfaction in His presence and service.