



## **What Being "in Christ" Means?**

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Jesus Christ, the son of God who was born in the manger, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, lives by his Spirit in the soul of every Christian believer. We call this being "in Christ".

When the Spirit of Jesus Christ lives as an honored guest in your soul, dwells in your mind and heart, settles down in your desires, and in your conscience, and even in your memories, it is entirely different from you doing your best to be a good Christian.

Being "in Christ", as a Christian we are never alone. Christ is always with you through whatever and wherever you may go. If you are in Christ and Christ is in you there is no need to worry. It is good to pray for one another as the bible says we ought to (Eph 6:18). Prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirit up so that no one falls behind or drops out. Pray that the person (christain) will be aware of the presence of Christ as they move through times of trial.

Being "in Christ", he always knows what you are going through. He has a real time awareness of every trial and every temptation you face. The Spirit of Christ lives in your heart. He feels the approach of every trial and temptation. Christ knows directly all that you face, feel and fear. It is in these times we should draw near to him (Heb 4:16). Christ himself has been tested and tried. He cares and will deliver you.

Being "in Christ", the spirit has a work to do in our lives. The Spirit gives us understanding of the word. The Spirit convicts sin. The Spirit make us holy. The Spirit equips us with gifts of ministry. The Spirit intercedes for us. The Spirit bears

witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. The Spirit of God is always working in the life of a believer. It should give us great relief and joy knowing that he cares about our soul. He works so powerfully in our lives that it should motivate us to work for him. There is no greater reason to have hope than to know that at the hardest moments of life the Spirit of God Almighty is working for us and is actively at work in us.

Being "in Christ", as a believer we have now placed all our faith in Christ. We become so closely attached to him that we die and he begins to live in us. The sinful "us" dies, replaced by the resurrected Christ "in us". We continue to live in the flesh, of course but our lives are now directed not by our sinful selves but by our faith in Christ. Faith alone is what saves us - adding any requirements of good deeds or rituals is contrary to the gospel (Gal 1: 8-9, 2:16).

So, we live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. We call this being "in Christ".