

NOW THAT YOU'RE BORN-AGAIN

Lesson 5 in the Salvation Series

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John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

The relationship between God and the Believer is a vital component to the Believer's existence and spirituality. Throughout scripture, the Bible refers to being "in Christ." If you are "in Christ" then you bear His covering on all sides. Both inwardly and outwardly, Christ is with you wherever you go. We succeed in life, not by our own might and power, but it is the Power that exists in Christ, which He allows to indwell within us, that gives us the strength to conquer the unconquerable:

- **Justified**—by God's grace we are justified through the redemption that's in Christ.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (Romans 3:23-24)

- **Sanctified**—In Christ we are sanctified.

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:10 NKJV)

- **Crucified**—Your flesh, the carnal you, is crucified, yet the Christ in you continues to live on. This is why people say, "The person that I used to be, I am no more." Though they may continue to have struggles, the means in which they use to overcome those struggles are now motivated by the indwelling of Christ that exists within them. They no longer give in to the demands of the flesh, but instead allow the Christ-like nature that resides within them to overcome their strongholds in times of weakness.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: (Gal. 2:20)

- **Ascended**—Now that you're born again, you no longer exist upon the same playing field as you did when you relied upon your carnal mindset. You have now ascended to a higher plane and draw guidance from "heavenly places."

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ... (Ephesians 1:3)

- **Filled**—You become so filled with the fruits of righteousness that you no longer have room for the things that tempted your appetite the most. Your desire is complete in God.

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. (Phil 1:11)

- **Completed**—You no longer roam about searching for things in the earth to complete who you are. You are complete in God.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Colossians 2:10)

- **Glorified**—When we allow the indwelling of Christ to reign within us, He is glorified.

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:12)

As soon as you accept Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you are born into the family of Christ. Therefore, whatever was done to Christ, was done to you as well. This does not mean that you were physically crucified, buried, and ascended, but that you become an heir to Christ. Therefore, His lineage becomes your lineage.

This also entitles you to the inheritance of the kingdom. As someone who is now an heir of Christ, you must act with royal dignity and according to your stand. When Jesus arose out of the tomb, He did not ascend into heaven wearing His grave clothes. The mistake that many of us make is in trying to live out a godly lifestyle without losing those things that we claim to be dead in our lives. Now that you're an heir of the Promise, you must change your attire. Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness so that the Father may be glorified and so that you can fully enjoy the benefits of the Christian experience and all that the Father has given you as an inheritance and a Believer.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)