

You Can Be “In Christ”!

If you are “in Christ,” we hope this brief article will help you witness to someone not now “in Christ,” by giving or mailing a copy to them. We also suggest that you keep a copy in your Bible or with other valuables, so that after your death, or our Lord’s return, it may help someone you love to find Christ as they look through your goods. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be greeted in heaven by someone you had helped to get there in this way!

If you are not now “in Christ,” we hope this article will help you to accept Jesus as your Savior now—before he returns for his own. If you decide to not come to Christ now, we hope you will keep this article handy, so that if you are still alive at that time, having been left behind, it will help you to accept Christ then.

The Bible warns us: “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand ... the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever” (Revelation 14:9-11). **So, under no circumstance must you willingly allow this to happen!**

If this mark is forced upon you during the Antichrist’s reign, God who loves you and knows your heart’s intention will not hold you accountable. You may have to suffer intensely or even face martyrdom for delaying this decision until then; for the Bible teaches that the powers of evil will intensify their pressure on those “in Christ” then; but heaven will be worth whatever it takes to get there!

Now or then, regardless of what you have done, or what has been done to you; and regardless of your culture, race, or religion; God the Father loves you; Jesus Christ, his Son, died for your salvation; and the Holy Spirit is ready to help you find peace, hope, love, and a new life. God wants to make you a new person! “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The following verses show how God makes this new life possible:

- “Repent and believe the good news! (Mark 1:15);
- “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31);
- “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9);
- “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians. 2:8).

If you want to enter into this new life, the fact that you have this desire indicates that God is already drawing you into fellowship with him and is ready to receive you when you are ready to accept him.

So, talk to God in your own words after the following pattern:

Father, I confess that I have sinned by [Confess those sins that come to mind. He will help you deal with any others later].

I am so sorry for my sins that I am ready to quit them and take your way in my life as best I know how, and as you lead me.

I believe Jesus died for my sins, so I am asking you for his sake to forgive my sins.

I believe you raised Jesus from the dead, so I am trusting you right now to make me a new creation in Christ.”

As you are able to complete each item in this prayer, you may begin to realize that God has answered your prayer and has made you a new person "in Christ." If you do not realize this change in a way you expected, keep on believing that God has kept his word. Assurance of salvation is sometimes delayed; but your prayer is in accordance with God's Salvation Plan. He has answered such prayers for millions of others, and he will not fail you!

Paul the Apostle wrote: "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). So if you will make this your day of salvation, you can enjoy what John H. Sammis wrote:

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.

What He says we will do;
Where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
but to trust and obey!

Jesus said that the Spirit "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). So start reading the Gospel of John, and ask your Father for his Holy Spirit's guidance in helping you to know how to live a life of Christ-likeness. and how to tell a friend or family member about your new-found faith.

This passage will remain true in every situation you may face:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

—John 3:16-17

If you gave your life to Christ and received him as your Savior, we would like to hear from you. Please email us at InChrist@clearwire.net stating so, as a testimony to your faith and new status as a child of God. Then we encourage you to find or form a small group for fellowship and for Bible study. Our website offers a free Bible study-guide, "God's Salvation Plan," and other free articles which might be helpful.

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