

Life in Christ!

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Ephesians 4:15-16

The book of Ephesians reveals that the very source of our life which includes who we are, all that we have, all that we will ever become or accomplish, is *in Christ!*

We are ...

- ... Chosen *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 1:4*
- ... Redeemed *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 1:7*
- ... United *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 1:10*
- ... Given an Inheritance *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 1:11*
- ... Provided with a Living Hope *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 1:12*
- ... Made Alive *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 2:6*
- ... Created for Good Works *in Christ* ... *Ephesians 2:10*

❖ We are growing, maturing, and working together as Christ lives His glorious life through us!
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I. Christ is the Head of the Church!

📖 Colossians 1:15-20

- “He is the image of the invisible God,”*
- “For by Him all things were created,”*
- “and in Him all things hold together.”*
- “He is the beginning”*
- “that in everything He might be preeminent.”*
- “For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,”*
- “making peace by the blood of His cross.”*

II. Christ is the Source of Wisdom and Life-Transformation in the Church!

📖 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

- “God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;”*
- “God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;”*
- “God chose what is low and despised in the world, ... to bring to nothing things that are,”*
- “And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus,”*
- “[Jesus] became to us wisdom from God,”*
- “[Jesus] became to us ... righteousness and sanctification”*
- “[Jesus] became to us ... redemption”*
- “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

III. Christ lives His life through us as His body, the Church!

Ephesians 4:15-16 “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Colossians 3:1-4

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When **Christ who is your life** appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*”

Endnote:

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