

August 29

## Six Things It Means to Be in Christ Jesus

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*[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. (2 Timothy 1:9)*

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Being "in Christ Jesus" is a stupendous reality. It is breathtaking to be united to Christ. Bound to Christ.

If you are "in Christ" listen to what it means for you:

1. *In Christ Jesus* you were given grace before the world was created. [Second Timothy 1:9](#), "He gave us grace in Christ Jesus before the ages began."
2. *In Christ Jesus* you were chosen by God before creation. [Ephesians 1:4](#), "[God] chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world."
3. *In Christ Jesus* you are loved by God with an inseparable love. [Romans 8:38-39](#), "I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
4. *In Christ Jesus* you were redeemed and forgiven for all your sins. [Ephesians 1:7](#), "In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses."
5. *In Christ Jesus* you are justified before God and the righteousness of God in Christ is imputed to you. [Second Corinthians 5:21](#), "For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
6. *In Christ Jesus* you have become a new creation and a son of God. [Second Corinthians 5:17](#), "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." [Galatians 3:26](#), "In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith."

I pray that you will never grow weary of exploring and exulting in the inexhaustible privilege of being "in Christ Jesus."