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Who Christ is in us



Because of the past choice of the Father, I am His in Christ. (1:3-6) Because of the present riches of the Son, I have all I need in Christ. (1:7-12) Because of the future work of the Spirit, I will be like Christ fully. (1:13-14)



Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless **before him**. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth **in Christ** ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel **of his will**, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope **in Christ** might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Through the Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

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Ephesians 1:15-17 ESV

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him...



Ephesians 1:18-19a ESV

...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe...



Hope of His Calling

Ephesians 1:18 ESV

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His calling is our **Security**



Hope of His Calling

Riches of His Inheritance

Ephesians 1:18 ESV

...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the **riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints**...











His inheritance becomes our **Significance**



Hope of His Calling **Riches of His Inheritance**

Greatness of His Power

Ephesians 1:19-20 ESV

...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...





- "The same power that brought back Christ from the dead is operative within those who are Christ's. The resurrection is an ongoing thing."
 - Leon Morris, Australian NT scholar



Ephesians 1:20-23 ESV

...that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.





His power becomes our **Strength**



"If God's 'call' looks back at the beginning, and God's 'inheritance' looks on to the end, then surely God's 'power' spans the interim period in between."



John Stott, British pastor & theologian



His calling is our **Security**

His inheritance becomes our **Significance**

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