

# Life Only in Christ

## Introduction

- 1. God created each and every one of us. He wants us to be saved but He gives us the choice whether to be saved or not.**
  
- 2. It is clear that we can know what we must do into order to save our life – and that is told to us from God in the Bible**
  - A. We MUST read it and understand that we can only be saved if we are in Christ!**
  
- 3. Most people will not come to Christ and as a result will not have eternal life with God.**

Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

- 4. Let us examine this morning those who are “out of Christ” and those who are “in Christ Jesus.”**

## Out of Christ

### 1. Notice what is written by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:

Ephesians 2:11-13 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—**that at that time you were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

### 2. When one is out of Christ they are actually “in” the world. Therefore, this is what is said concerning those who are not in Christ:

#### A. One is still living as an old man of sin.

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the **body of sin** might be done away with, that we should no longer be **slaves of sin**.

#### B. There is NO forgiveness of sin.

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the law almost **all things are purified with blood**, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

#### C. One is not a “new creature.”

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand **that we should walk in them**.

#### D. One is unredeemed by blood.

Colossians 1:14 in whom **we have redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins.

## In Christ Jesus

### 1. When one is baptized into Christ it is at that point that one is no “in Christ Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

### 2. As a result of being “in Christ” one is now “in the church.”

#### A. One has become a new man in Christ.

Ephesians 4:22-24 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

#### B. One has forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

#### C. We are also known as a new creature in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

#### D. One is redeemed by the blood of Christ.

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

## Result of One Not Being Baptized

**1. When one lives their life and is not baptized into Christ then one needs to accept the consequences of that:**

**A. No Spiritual blessings.**

Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles **in Christ Jesus**, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**B. One is without God and without hope.**

Ephesians 2:12 that at that time **you were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

**C. Living in the kingdom of darkness.**

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

**D. Lost in sin.**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, **that whoever believes in Him should not perish** but have everlasting life.

Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save** that which was lost.“

**E. Are in reality “children of the Devil.”**

John 8:44 **You are of your father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

## Result of One Being Baptized

**1. When one recognizes that the blood of Christ is essential in order to have sins forgiven and are baptized into Christ then this is what is promised to those by our heavenly Father.**

**A. One now has all Spiritual blessings.**

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

**B. One has an absolute hope in Christ.**

Hebrews 6:18-19 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

**C. One is now in the kingdom of Christ.**

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

**D. One is SAVED in Christ!**

2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**E. One is now known as a child of God.**

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

## Conclusion

1. **God created us with the ability to make a choice.**
  - A. **Our eternity depends on the choice that we make here and now!**
  
2. **The apostle inspired apostle Paul wrote:**

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

  - A. **Therefore, knowing this, I encourage each one of us to always make the choice to be “in Christ” and ask God to please forgive us of our sins.**
    - 1) **This avenue is only available to those who have made the choice to put on Christ in baptism.**
  
3. **Live “life only in Christ” today on this earth so, that you can then live life throughout eternity with Him in heaven!**
  - A. **The choice is ours – choose wisely!**

