

## **CHRIST IN YOU** **Colossians 1:25-27**

Paul tells us he was “made a minister” by God to make known a great and glorious mystery that had been hidden from all previous generations. This great and glorious mystery was very rich in its contents and would greatly benefit the church of Christ. The mystery was “Christ in you the hope of glory.”

### **OUR POSITION IN CHRIST**

**Galatians 2:20; I Cor. 15:3** The moment we recognize Jesus Christ as Savior we are seen as being crucified with Him on Calvary, that is, every sin we would ever commit was literally nailed to the cross (**Col. 2:14**) with Christ and He paid the price for them. All believers have a zero sin account in heaven.

**Hebrews 10:17; Romans 8:1** Because our sins were paid for by Christ our record is not only clean but His promise is that He does not even remember them and we can never be condemned by them.

**Romans 6:6, 11-14** Notice the word *destroyed*, it has the meaning of – to render idle, inactive, to deprive of influence or power. Though we are taught that our old nature has not been eradicated we have been made free from the slavery of our “old man” and can fight it off with the power of Christ.

**Romans 3:24; I Cor. 7:19-20** Jesus is the only way a person can be brought back to God. When we receive Him as Savior He buys us back, (redeems) us from the slavery market of sin.

**II Corinthians 5:20-21** Because we are in Christ, we have ministries that are suppose to keep us busy while waiting for His return. We are also made “*the righteousness of God*, or (perfect) in Christ.

**I Peter 1:3-4** Every person in Christ has an inheritance that is waiting for them in heaven. No one else can get it, corrupt it, take it or lose it. God has it reserved, or kept for us until we get there.

**Galatians 4:4-6; I John 3:1** As believers in Christ we have the honor of being adopted into the family of God. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and wanted us to be with Him so much that He sacrificed His own Son in order for us to be able to be loved and blessed by the Godhead forever.

### **THE POWER OF CHRIST IN YOU**

**Galatians 2:20** Contrary to how most believers live, the Christian life is all about Jesus Christ and not about us. There are some things that energize the actual Christian life one is His resurrection.

**Galatians 5:16; I Peter 1:3** The power to live Godly comes from the living presence of God in us, (The Holy Spirit) who is Christ in us. He will live His life, ( the New Man) through us if we let Him.

**Romans 8:9-11** Because of being in Christ and having the life of Christ residing within our mortal bodies, we have the ability to fight off the things of the flesh, lust, envy, selfishness, depression, etc.

**Galatians 2:20** Notice also in this verse that the believer lives, but not in their own power or their own faith but we live by the faith “of the Son of God”... We have no spiritual faith within ourselves.

**John 1:17; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11** The epitome of God's grace, (unmerited favor of God), is very apparent in the life that Jesus led on earth. He led a loving and sacrificial life and is our great example on living the Christian life. Only by being in Christ can the grace of God show itself to others through believers (**Matthew 5:16**).

**II Corinthians 12:7-9** Paul called God's grace “the power of Christ” that he needed in order to serve the Lord through his entire life. We have this same power in the grace of God in order to serve the Lord regardless of any infirmities we may have.