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*A Brief Commentary*

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*Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is* ***in Christ Jesus:***

Grace, mercy, justification and redemption are IN CHRIST. There is no salvation outside of Christ.

*Romans 8:1,2 There is therefore now no* ***condemnation*** *to them which are* ***in Christ Jesus,*** *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life* ***in Christ Jesus*** *hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

If you are in Christ, you are free from death, no longer condemned.

What do we mean "In Christ Jesus"? **“Born again”** If we have repented of our sins, “turned from our sin to Christ” and ask his forgiveness, He, by His mercy and grace, has promised to save us and make us a  **member** of the **family of God**. Thus we have assurance of eternal life*.*

 *Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

*Romans 8:38,39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the* ***love of God****, which is* ***in Christ Jesus*** *our Lord.*

What was left out? Nothing. God sees us **only IN CHRIST**. God cannot condone sin in any form, therefore Christ who died and paid the price for our sin must stand in the way between us and God the Father, He covers us with His righteousness to make us presentable to God the Father.

*1 Corinthians 3:1: And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes* ***in Christ.***

These people in the Corinthian Church hadn't grown much Spiritually yet, but were saved people **“in Christ”.**

*1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so* ***in Chris****t shall all be made alive*.

Because we inherited Adam's sin, we are subject and condemned to death and **this body will die,** but If we are saved, born again, we are given eternal life. Our soul shall live and God will give us a new and glorified body.

*2 Corinthians 5:19: To wit, that God was* ***in Christ,*** *reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

**Christ and God the Father agree as one and are one.**

*John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* ***I and my Father are one****.*

*Galatians 2:4: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have* ***in Christ Jesus, t****hat they might bring us into bondage:*

Basically this was what Paul was doing before he was saved. He was arresting Christians, and causing them to suffer, or be put to death.

There are many who profess to be Christians “in Christ”, who try to convince us that we must get to heaven by our good works. These are false teachers.

*Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but* ***according to his mercy he saved us****, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost*;

 *Matthew 7:22,23 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done* ***many wonderful works?***  *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

**Writing to the Church at Galatia, the Apostle Paul said:**

*Galatians 3:26: For ye are all the children of God by faith* ***in Christ Jesus.***

It is not by our works, but **by faith** in the work that Christ accomplished for us.

*Galatians 3:28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one* ***in Christ Jesus.***

**We who are saved are all one family in Christ.**

*Romans 12:5: So we, being many, are one body* ***in Christ****, and every one members one of another.*

*Galatians 6:15: For* ***in Christ Jesus*** *neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature*.

Therefore Paul says “There is no difference between Jew or Gentile, (Circumcision or uncircumcision). What is important is that we, as saved people are now a new creation **in Christ Jesus**. One body, one family. You and I are part of the same family, of whom Christ is head.

*2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man be* ***in Christ****, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.*

*Ephesians 2:10: For we are his workmanship, created* ***in Christ***

***Jesus*** *unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*.

Since Christ **made us** new creatures, we should walk in obedience to Him, for He has raised us up to sit with Him in Heavenly places. Although our resurrection and glorification are yet future, he speaks here as if it had already transpired.

There is a Hymn, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus” Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim **In the light of His glory and grace.”**

The more we attend to Spiritual things, the less we are attracted to things of this world.

*Ephesians 2:6,7 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places* ***in Christ Jesus:*** *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

*Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint‑heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

*Colossians 1:2: To the saints and faithful brethren* ***in Christ*** *which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

We see in Ephesians 2:6 God raised up those who were “**in Christ Jesus.”** And in Colossians 1:2 he says “**brethren in Christ**.” There are some who fellowship regularly who really are not born again*,* **not in Christ,** there is no hope for those who are not **in Christ.** Only in Christ is there salvation.

*1 Thessalonians 4:16: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead* ***in Christ*** *shall rise first:*

Those who are saved and have already died, shall rise first, then we which are still alive at Christ's return shall ascend into heaven.

**Christ in the Godhead purposed to save us in Christ Jesus before He created the world.**

*2Timothy 1:9**Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us* ***in Christ Jesus before the world began,***

Our very faith and love come from Christ, and **true faith and love** are given to those who are **in Christ.**

*Timothy 1:13: Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is* ***in Christ Jesus.***

2*Timothy 2:1: Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is* ***in Christ Jesus.***

Grace comes only from God. It is unmerited favor that He bestows on us. We can do nothing to earn it. God’s grace is completely free.

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

When we are witnessing for Christ, we don't know whether the one we witness to will be saved or not, but we know some will be saved because He has promised.

*2 Timothy 3:12: Yea, and all that will live godly* ***in Christ Jesus*** *shall suffer persecution*.

We **will** suffer persecution, because the world hates Christ. It may be only that we are shunned by some who we thought were our friends, or we might suffer physical suffering for Christ. But we have so much to look forward to, we should count it a privilege to suffer for Him.

*Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;* ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,*** *despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Let us not lose sight of the fact that salvation is not by that which we have done, but by faith **in Christ**.

*2 Timothy 3:15: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is* ***in Christ Jesus.***

*Philemon 1:6: That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you* ***in Christ Jesus***

As we acknowledge that anything that is good in us is from Christ, our faith increases.

*Philemon 1:23: There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow prisoner* ***in Christ Jesus****;*

Epaphras was in prison with Paul, probably for preaching the Gospel as Paul was.Paul refers to Epaphras not only as a fellow prisoner, but one **in Christ Jesus,** one who is saved.

**Then he encourages us to love our fellow Christians.**

*1 Peter 5:14: Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are i****n Christ******Jesus****. Amen.*

*Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

We should prefer to fellowship with those **in Christ**, rather than the world.

**There are many more references to our being** **IN CHRIST.**

This is so important because only **in Christ** can God the Father look upon us without destroying us. Any other way we are sinful, and God in His Holiness cannot look upon sin.

When we finally get to Heaven, there will be no sin there, and there will no longer be any record of our sin.

*Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more*.

Do you know Christ today? Without Him you have no hope, only a certain looking forward to eternal destruction in hell. Nothing is worth that. Turn to Christ today, admit to Him that you're a sinner, ant throw yourself on His mercy. He will save you, He has promised that, and He has never broken a promise*.*

*1John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*