



A Seminar by Peter Wade

The Comparison

In Christ — the P _____ of _____ P _____

Christ In — the P _____ of _____ P _____

In Christ: II Corinthians 5:17-18a

Christ In: Galatians 2:20; 1:16

Both: John 14:20, 17:21, Colossians 1:27-28

Affirmation:

I am in Him—salvation and security; He is in me—creation and adventure
— *In Christ* by E. Stanley Jones

“In Christ” quotes from the past

Quotations from *In Christ: The Classics* by Peter Wade

Stephen Tyng (1849) — page 8

A.J. Gordon (1872) — page 13

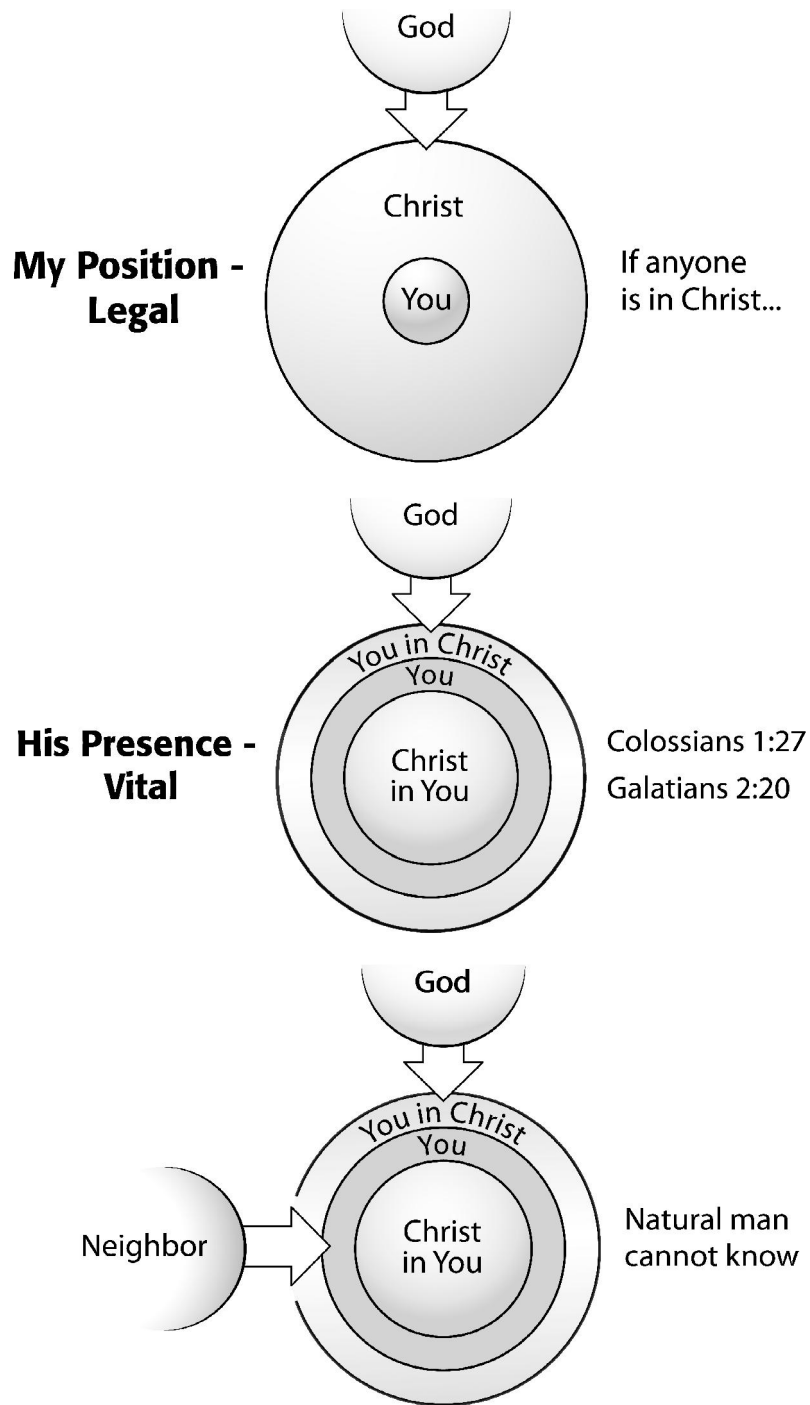
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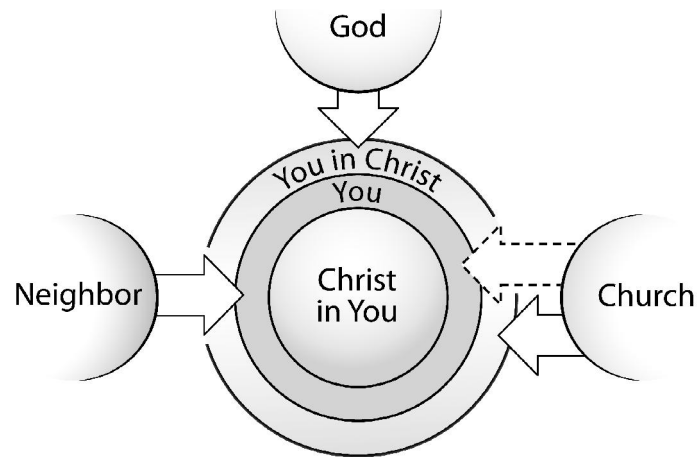
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In Christ	Christ In
Identity	Relationship
Positional	Practical
Legal (Verbal)	Vital
Union	Communion
Standing	State

In Christ, Christ In

John 14:20

John 15:4,5

John 17:21,23.

I need to “abide in Him” but what does He get out of it? He wants to develop us into His own image, and He can do that only from within. Endogenous — John 4:14; 7:38.

“To be only in Him would make us a weak, absorbing, clinging, dependent, uncreative type of person. He must be in us if we are to upstanding and creative with initiative and go.” — *E. Stanley Jones*.

Philippians 3:9,12 (ESV): “And be found in Him ... [13] I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.” I master the “it” because He masters “me”.

I Corinthians 3:21-22: “All belongs to you... you belong to Christ”.

II Corinthians 1:19-20 (Moffatt): “The divine ‘yes’ has at last sounded in him, for in him is the ‘yes’ that affirms all the promises of God.” The “in Him” affirms the “in me”.

“In Christ, Christ In” is a truth of...

Completeness — in Him (Colossians 2:9-10a)
righteousness (I Cor. 5:21)
blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
fulness (Ephesians 1:23)
all things (Romans 8:32)

Contentment —in Him (Hebrews 13:5-6)
satisfaction (Matthew 5:6)
self-adequate (Philippians 4:11).

Confidence — in Him (I John 5:14-15)
access (Ephesians 3:12)
sufficiency (II Corinthians 9:8)
“this one thing I do” (Philippians 3:14)
before God (I John 3:21).

(see Chapter 1, *In Christ: The Classics* by Peter Wade)



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The New Creation

Four **foundational** verses...

II Corinthians 5:17-18a

Galatians 6:15

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 4:24

Two foundational Christian truths in II Cor. 5:14-21...

1. *Salvation*, verse 14-15 — you are either “in Christ” or “out of Christ”, verse 19.
2. *Identity* — who we are, verse 17. Galatians 2:20.

Promised in the Old Covenant:

Ezekiel 36:26; 37:14

John 4:13-14; John 6:35; 7:37

“The new creation does not consist in an acknowledgement of a form of sound words, or delight in a clear creed, or in prizing the outward so-called means of grace. It is ten thousand times more than these... it is the new and divine nature imparted, with all its spiritual blessings and holy privileges. It is not the Old Adam made clean or religious, clothed and adorned. No! It is a something altogether new” — E. W. Bullinger.

II Corinthians 5:17-18

Connection	Therefore
Condition	If anyone is in Christ
Consequence	New creation
Contrast	Old gone, new come
Cause	Come from God

“The old has passed away” (ESV)

Not dormant, not just rendered powerless, but destroyed.

1. Sin has gone — “*Knowing this...*” Romans 6:4,5; 6-8, 9-10.
“*Likewise reckon...*” v.11-14, Colossians 3:3,9; I Cor. 6:11
“*were some of you*”.
2. Curse of the law has gone — Galatians 3:13; Romans 10:4.
3. Condemnation has gone — Romans 8:1.
4. Fear of death has gone — II Timothy 1:10.

“Behold, the new has come”

Romans 6:4,11; Ephesians 5:8; Colossians 3:3.

1. Partakers of divine nature — II Peter 1:4.
2. Eternal life — Romans 6:23.
3. Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption — I Cor. 1:30.
Righteousness: Romans 3:22; 1:16,17.
4. Peace — Romans 5:1; 15:33; 16:20; 15:13; 14:19.
5. Love of God — Romans 5:5; 5:8; I John 4:16.
6. Abundance of grace — Romans 5:17.
7. Sonship — Romans 8:15-16; I John 3:2.
8. Liberty — Galatians 2:4.
9. Riches — Romans 10:12; 2:4; 11:33.

The source of the new

“All this is from God...” — II Corinthians 5:18; II Peter 1:3-4.
The new is permanent — I John 3:9.

What did not change

1. Emotional pain from our past was not removed; we all have memories that bless and memories that burn — Romans 12:2.
2. Fruit of our past sins could still be evident in the physical, but healing is available.
3. We have the same DNA.

What did change

1. New motivation and drive from the Christ within. We are free to live as He intended.
2. New destiny — to become outwardly what we are in reality inwardly. We have *no* separation from Him.
3. New source of power in our life. Scriptures plus resident power of God. We are more than disciples but not gods. We are containers of the divine nature.

Christ-like or Christ life?

1. You are no more of this world than Jesus was — John 17:14; I John 4:17b.
2. As such, you are a “stranger and pilgrim” on this planet, an “ambassador” in a foreign land, because your true “citizenship is in heaven” — I Peter 2:11; II Corinthians 5:20; Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:19.
3. As products of His “workmanship”, as His “new creation”, you are already “qualified” to fit in God’s holy heaven — Ephesians 2:10; II Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:12.

4. The flesh and the world was once “life” to you, now you are a **receiver, responder, and reflector** of “Christ, Who is our life” — Ephesians 2:1-4; Galatians 5:24; 6:14; Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:4.

We are containers

1. Vessels — Romans 9:21-23; II Corinthians 4:7; I Thessalonians 4:4; II Timothy 2:20-21; I Peter 3:7.
2. Temples — I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 6:16.
3. Parts of the body — I Corinthians 12:14,27; Colossians 1:18.
4. Slaves — Romans 6:16-18.
5. Wives — Romans 7:2, 4-5.
6. Branches — John 15:4-6; Romans 11:16-24.
7. Fruit — Galatians 5:22-23 or 5:19-21.

God wants us to move forward from being containers to being creators.

How have I erred! God is my home
And God Himself is here.
Why have I looked so far for Him,
Who is nowhere but near?

Yet God is never so far off
As even to be near;
He is within, our spirit is
The home He holds most dear.

To think of Him as by our side
Is almost as untrue
As to remove His throne beyond
Those skies of starry blue.

So all the while I thought myself
Homeless, forlorn, and weary;
Missing my joy, I walked the earth,
Myself God's sanctuary.

— *Frederick W. Faber*



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Stages of the Christian Life

I John 2:12-14

Little Children	Young Men	Fathers
Christ FOR me Parent-child	Christ IN me Word abides	Christ AS me Knowing Him

Young men

Christ *in us* — Galatians 2:20.

INdependence, internalize by prayer and principles.

The “Word abides” — I John 2:14.

We overcome the devil — Revelation 12:11, a divine-human reciprocity.

Fathers

Christ *as us* — Galatians 2:20.

INTERdependence. “Knowing Him” — I John 2:13,14. Philippians 3:8-10,14.

We can move from “I can’t do it” [unsaved] to “I can do it with God’s help” to “I can’t do it, but Christ in me can do it” to “I *can* do it!”
 — *The Wink of Faith* by Bill Volkman.

Stages illustrated by prayer

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Prayer: Asking Begging Persistence Disciples' Prayer	Anticipating Believing Praise	Affirming Being Perception Christ's Prayer



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Our Identity

Always associated with Christ — Ephesians 1:10, Colossians 3:11

Who am I? — Matthew 16:13-15

Who are you? — Acts 19:11-15

The Impact of In Christ, Christ In

PRAYER

Much Christian prayer is “practising the absence of God”!

Prayer as blackmail.

Prayer as a supermarket shopping list.

Does prayer change things?

Does prayer alter the mind of God?

Prayer and God’s nature

God’s omnipresence — everywhere, somewhere, here!

Psalm 139:7-10

Jeremiah 23:23

Ephesians 1:22-23

Prayer and God’s care

Isaiah 65:2-4; 58:9.

I John 5:14-15.

Prayer and In Christ, Christ In

Ephesians 1:3

Colossians 2:9-10

What's left — Thanksgiving! In a fix? Look up Philippians 4:6.

Prayer is a conversation — between two people who love each other (*Conversational Prayer*, Rosalind Rinkler). Use everyday language, and keep sentences short.

Worship — You are here, Lord

Thanksgiving — Thank you, Lord

Affirmation — You are my helper, Lord

Intercession — Lord, bless John and Jill.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ephesians 6:10-14a

“Stand therefore...” Three “stands” and one “withstand” [stand your ground].

I John 5:4

GUIDANCE

Psalms 46:10, I Corinthians 2:9-12

Acts 3:1-6, Acts 27:9-11

MIRACLES

“I said to the Master, How do I turn on the power of God? The Master said, How did you turn it off?” — Acts 1:8.

Of supply — Philippians 4:19,15

Of healing — Romans 8:11

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