

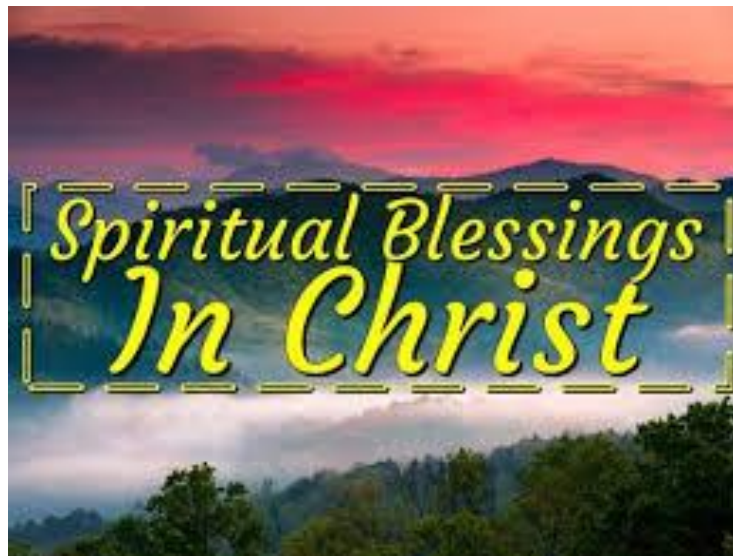
Ephesians In Christ In HIM, in WHOM, in CHRIST



Three Bible Teachers

Communicating God's Word in clear, engaging, and practical ways.

Dr. Kenneth Hammonds



In Christ: God's designed plan for Our Eternal Position and Life in His Presence at His Throne Before the Beginning Began

"stand and stay and study and ENJOY, Bask IN your Position of ABUNDANCE "

This week's emphasis, "In Christ" next time the others.

In this life earthly existence, you have been bestowed upon you a **radical transformation of identity** position, location, rank

FROM: IN ADAM

TO: IN CHRIST

MORE ON IN UNION WITH . . . Greek " EN," ἐν

Thayer's Greek Lexicon STRONGS NT 1722: ἐν (KH Thought: IN – Submerged IN)

A primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state),

ἐν Χριστῷ - en christō

TO BE “IN CHRIST” IS TO BE REPRESENTED BY HIM AND UNITED WITH HIM.

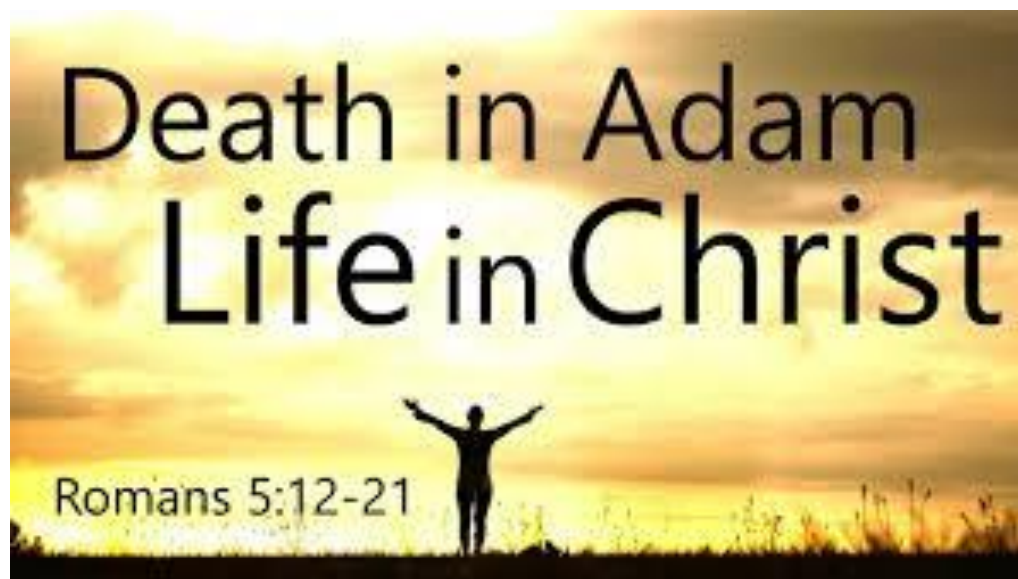
I. Locally; 1. of place proper;

1. of the state or condition in which anything is done or **anyone exists, acts, suffers**;

2. of that in which any person or thing is **inherently fixed, implanted**, or with which it is intimately connected;

b. of a person **to whom another is wholly joined** and **to whose power and influence he is subject**, so that the former may be likened to **the place in which the latter lives and moves**.

As Marshall observes, since salvation is “in Christ Jesus” **now**, “the effects of the saving event, the death and resurrection of Christ, **continue to be operative, in the present age**”



1. “In Christ” has as its precursor “In Adam” = “In Death”



2. Then comes God's **radical spiritual displacement** of your location in Adam to a powerful salvic **RELOCATION** and **REPOSITIONING** "In Christ."

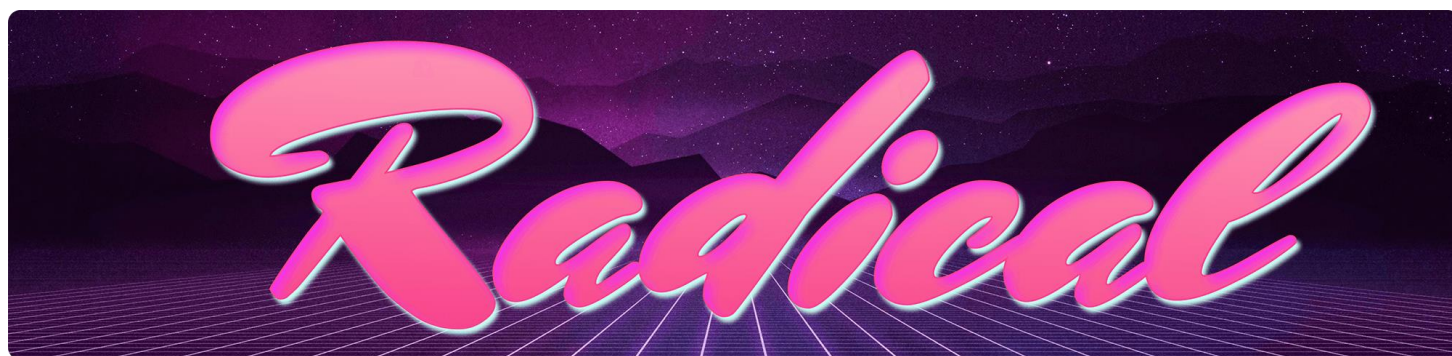
Scripture to Ponder: In Adam all DIE.

"For as in Adam all die, so also *in Christ* shall all be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15:22

We'll more fully this passage in the Three Bible Teachers response time.

Commentary by Paul D. Gardner 1 Corinthians Zondervan Exegetical Commentary: Logos Software

There is a Radical Repositioning.



Definition: (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting **the fundamental nature** of something; [far-reaching](#) or thorough.

Paul D. Gardner

Radical Repositioning “Even Christ was to be identified with Adam as a human being, for certainly these verses will not allow anyone to argue that Jesus was not a human being (δι’ ἀνθρώπου). However, that Adamic humanity should have led to death. It did, but *it didn’t end there*. By the action of God in Christ, at last, linkage to **Adam’s representational headship has been broken.**”

“How it is that God was able, in Christ, to break this linkage is well summed up in 2 Corinthians 5:21: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Thus, as head of *his* covenant people, **the linkage to Adam is broken for his [Christ’s] people as well.** To ensure their resurrection, Christ identifies with their humanity and even their death, **not just the physical death of age but the death of judgment by God.**”

“A few verses earlier, in 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul uses a dynamic metaphor to describe the astonishing fact of this radical transformation of identity. He writes: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (ESV).”

Can you see the results? Do you see the RADICAL RESULTS of Radical Repositioning?

The Inside (In Christ) has transformed in a VISIBLE OUTSIDE. Indeed, a New Creation position and living reality. **You are INSIDE something (Someone) beautiful and authentic and life changing, and future altering.**

Some KH ideas for foundational thoughts of Paul for “**In Christ**”



I. The Beginning of Paul's In HIM - God

NT Greek verses from BibleHub.com. Use it yourself. **CLICK THE NUMBER** over a word and see the definition and more about the word. Very easy to use.

King James Version

Acts 17:28

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| 1722 [j] | 846 [e] | 1063 [e] | 2198 [e] | 2532 [e] | 2795 [e] | 2532 [e] | 1510 [e] |
| En | autō | gar | zōmen | kai | kinoumetha | kai | esmen |
| 28 'Ev | αὐτῷ | γὰρ | ζῶμεν | καὶ | κινούμεθα | καὶ | ἐσμέν . |
| In | Him | for | we live | and | move | and | are |
| Prep | PPro-DM3S | Conj | V-PIA-1P | Conj | V-PIM/P-1P | Conj | V-PIA-1P |

Thayer: to be of, i. e. proceed from one as the author; to be of, i. e. formed from

For **in him** we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

This is humanity IN God

1. we live,
2. and move,
3. and have our being, Literally and ARE = exist [BE, AM] Descartes
4. And subject to his power and hands (he got the world in his hands)
5. Our Significance as human beings

All these things that are true of being IN God – Naturally (as natural human beings) are also true of being IN Christ **as spiritual born again believers**.

IN CHRIST

For **in him** we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Humanity IN God

1. we live,
2. and move,
3. and have our being, Literally and ARE = exist [BE, AM] Descartes
4. And we are subject to his power and hands (he got the world in his hands)
5. Our receive our great significance as a believer in Christ

JUST AS SIDE NOTE: We are (Greek: HAVE BEEN MADE RICH] enriched, Greek also = made wealthy in him (Christ)

1 Corinthians 1:5

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| 3754 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3956 [e] | 4148 [e] | 1722 [e] | 846 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3956 [e] | 3056 [e] | 2532 [e] | 3956 [e] | 1108 [e] |
| hoti | en | panti | eploutisthēte | en | autō | en | panti | logō | kai | pasē | gnōsei |
| 5 ὅτι | ἐν | παντὶ | ἐπλουτίσθητε | ἐν | αὐτῷ | , ἐν | παντὶ | λόγῳ | καὶ | πάσῃ | γνώσει |
| that | in | everything | you have been enriched | in | Him | in | all | speech | and | all | knowledge |
| Conj | Prep | Adj-DNS | V-AIP-2P | Prep | PPro-DM3S | Prep | Adj-DMS | N-DMS | Conj | Adj-DFS | N-DFS |

New International Version

For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

KH Idea: Is the “IN Christ? Paul teaching more perfectly about our position?

Acts 18:26

- **New International Version**

He [Apollos] began to speak boldly **in** the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard **him**, they **invited him** to their home and explained to **him** the way of God **more adequately**.

- **King James Version**

And he began to speak boldly **in** the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took **him** unto them, and expounded unto **him** the way of **God more perfectly**.

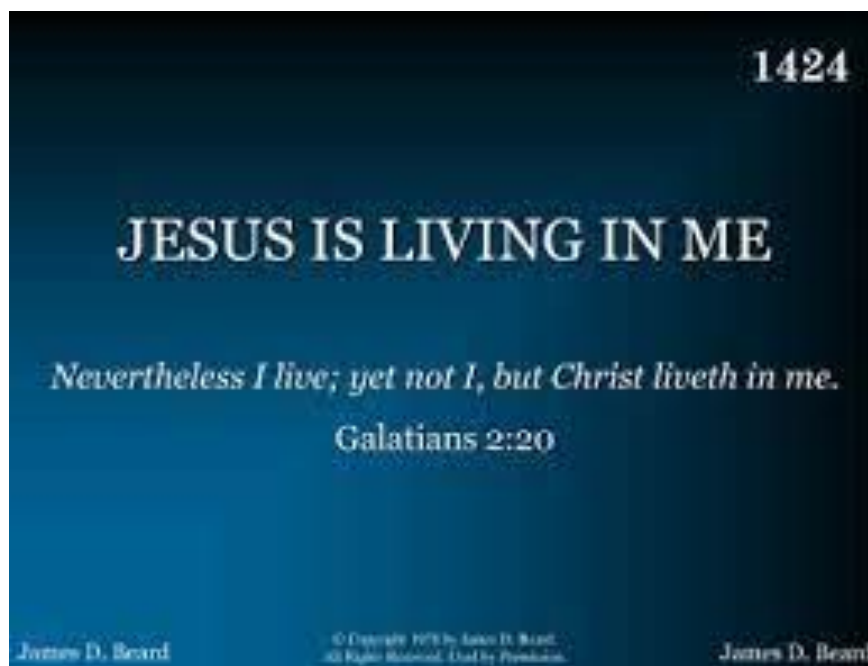
Paul at Ephesus at the end of Journey #3

Acts 20:18 See more below in Section III. Paul in Prison

Taught Faith IN Christ – the genesis of the details of the in Christ teaching and revelation - Greek. Galatians 1:12 (KJV)

or I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

II. Paul’s personal “IN” beginning



Christ Lives IN ME

I live IN (in the power of) Faith

I have been crucified with Christ = ON word in the Greek

In **ME** = emphatic

I LIVE –

All present tenses

1. nevertheless I live
2. greek word order = he lives in **ME** Christ
3. the *life which* [KJV not in Greek text = that which]
4. I now live in the flesh [body]
5. I live by the faith Greek = in faith I live

King James Version

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth **in** me: and the life which I now live **in** the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave **himself** for me.

Galatians 2:20

New International Version

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives **in** me. The life I now live **in** the body, I live by faith **in** the Son of God, who loved me and gave **himself** for me.

[Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers](#)

Yet not I.—It is, however, **no longer the old natural man** in me that lives: it is not that part of the human personality which has its root in matter, and is “of the earth, earthy,” but that part which is reformed by the Spirit of Christ.

Now.—**In my present condition as a Christian** opposed to the old condition prior to the conversion.

IN Christ – new creation - Personal and Ecclesiological

New Man (being/entity) Creation – Jew and Gentile

2 Corinthians 5:17

Tree of Life Version

17 Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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| 5620 [e] | 1487 [e] | 5100 [e] | 1722 [e] | 5547 [e] | 2537 [e] | 2937 [e] | 3588 [e] | 744 [e] | 3928 [e] | 2400 [e] | 1096 [e] | 2537 [e] |
| hōste | ei | tis | en | Christō | kainē | ktisis | ta | archaia | parēlthen | idou | gegonen | kaina |
| 17 ὥστε | εἴ | τις | ἐν | Χριστῷ | , καινῇ | κτίσις | . τὰ | ἀρχαῖα | παρῆλθεν | ; ἰδοὺ | , γέγονεν | καινά |
| Therefore | if | anyone | [is] in | Christ | [he is] a new | creation | The | old things | have passed away | behold | has come into being | [the] new |
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III. Paul “in prison” – Physically in Prison, Writing Ephesians, But Thinking “In Christ”

A Triad of “In” Phrases

In HIM, in WHOM, in CHRIST

We’ll look at some “In Christ” phrases and the other two next time.

Background Paul 1st Roman Imprisonment

Acts 28:23

King James Version

And when they had appointed **him** a day, there came many to **him** into his lodging; to whom he **expounded and testified the kingdom of God [Ephesians and Colossians exposition]**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

King James Version

And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Paul Preaches **in** Rome

After they had set a day to meet with **him**, they came to **him** at his lodgings **in** great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

Tree of Life Version

They set a day to meet Paul and came to **him** at his quarters **in** large numbers. From morning until evening he was explaining everything to them, testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them about *Yeshua* from both the *Torah* of Moses and the Prophets.

[Ephesians 5:5](#)

New International Version

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance **IN the kingdom of Christ** and of God.

In Prison Paul is still thinking IN, in the kingdom of Christ.

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| Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ . | | | | | | | | | |
| 1722 [e] | 3956 [e] | 2129 [e] | 4152 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3588 [e] | 2032 [e] | 1722 [e] | 5547 [e] | |
| en | pasē | eulogia | pneumatikē | en | tois | epouraniois | en | Christō | |
| ἐν | πάσῃ | εὐλογία | πνευματικῇ | ἐν | τοῖς | ἐπουρανίοις | ἐν | Χριστῷ | |
| with | every | blessing | spiritual | in | the | heavenly realms | in | Christ | |
| Prep | Adj-DFS | N-DFS | Adj-DFS | Prep | Art-DNP | Adj-DNP | Prep | N-DMS | |
| Ephesians 1:3 New International Version | | | | Paul Gives Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ In Christ: Every Spiritual Blessing | | | What spiritual blessing(s) do you give God praise for? | | |

King James Version

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus **Christ**, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings **in** heavenly places **in Christ**:

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| just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love | | | | | | | | | |
| 2531 [e] | 1586 [e] | 1473 [e] | 1722 [e] | 846 [e] | 4253 [e] | 2602 [e] | 2889 [e] | | |
| kathōs | exelexato | hēmas | en | autō | pro | katabolēs | kosmou | | |
| 4 καθὼς | ἐξελέξατο | ἡμᾶς | ἐν | αὐτῷ | πρὸ | καταβολῆς | κόσμου , | | |
| just as | He chose | us | in | Him | before | [the] foundation | of [the] world | | |
| Adv | V-AIM-3S | PPro-A1P | Prep | PPro-DM3S | Prep | N-GFS | N-GMS | | |
| Ephesians 1:4 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition | | | | In Christ: Chosen by God the Father (Before the Beginning Began) | | | | | |

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even as, in His love, He chose us as His own in Christ before the creation of the world, that we might be holy and without blemish in His presence.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

◀ Ephesians 1:11 ▶

Ephesians 1 - Click for Chapter

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| | 1722 [e] | 846 [e] | | 1722 [e] | 3739 [e] | 2532 [e] | 2820 [e] | | 4309 [e] |
| | en | autō | | en | hō | kai | eklērothēmen | | prooristhentes |
| 11 | ἐν | αὐτῷ , | | ἐν | ᾧ | καὶ | ἐκληρώθημεν , | | προορισθέντες |
| | in | Him | | in | whom | also | we have obtained an inheritance | | having been predestined |
| | Prep | PPro-DM3S | | Prep | RelPro-DMS | Conj | V-AIP-1P | | V-APP-NMP |
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| 2596 [e] | 4286 [e] | 3588 [e] | 3588 [e] | 3956 [e] | 1754 [e] | 2596 [e] | 3588 [e] | 1012 [e] | |
| kata | prothesin | tou | ta | panta | energountos | kata | tēn | boulēn | |
| κατὰ | πρόθεσιν | τοῦ | τὰ | πάντα | ἐνεργοῦντος | κατὰ | τὴν | βουλὴν | |
| according to | [the] purpose | of the [One] | - | all things | working | according to | the | counsel | |
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| 3588 [e] | 2307 [e] | 846 [e] | | | | | | | |
| tou | thelēmatos | autou | | | | | | | |
| τοῦ | θελήματος | αὐτοῦ , | | | | | | | |
| of the | will | of Him | | | | | | | |
| Art-GNS | N-GNS | PPro-GM3S | | | | | | | |

Ephesians 1:11
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“In Christ: We have also
obtained an inheritance

Ephesians 1:11

King James Version

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us **in Christ** Jesus.

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| 2443 [e] | 1731 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3588 [e] | 165 [e] | 3588 [e] | 1904 [e] | 3588 [e] | 5235 [e] | 4149 [e] | 3588 [e] | 5485 [e] | 846 [e] |
| hina | endeixētai | en | tois | aiōsin | tois | eperchomenois | to | hyperballon | ploutos | tēs | charitos | autou |
| 7 ἵνα | ἐνδείξῃται | ἐν | τοῖς | αἰώσιν | τοῖς | ἐπερχομένοις | τὸ | ὑπερβάλλον | πλοῦτος | τῆς | χάριτος | αὐτοῦ |
| in order that | He might show | in | the | ages | that | [are] coming | the | surpassing | riches | of the | grace | of Him |
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| 1722 [e] | 5544 [e] | 1909 [e] | 1473 [e] | 1722 [e] | 5547 [e] | 2424 [e] |
| en | chrēstotēti | eph' | hēmas | en | Christō | lēsou |
| ἐν | χρηστότητι | ἐφ' | ἡμᾶς | ἐν | Χριστῷ | Ἰησοῦ . |
| in | kindness | toward | us | in | Christ | Jesus |
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Ephesians 2:7
New International Version

In the **future ages to come in heaven** we will SEE, be shown, the riches of his grace and kindness **IN** Christ

Ephesians 2:7

King James Version

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace **in** his kindness toward us through **Christ** Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7

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so that **in** the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace **in** kindness toward us **in Christ** Jesus.

HOW? – Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:13 We believers in Christ were all baptized INTO (Greek eis, εἰς)

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| 2532 [e] | 1063 [e] | 1722 [e] | 1520 [e] | 4151 [e] | 1473 [e] | 3956 [e] | 1519 [e] | 1520 [e] | 4983 [e] | 907 [e] |
| kai | gar | en | heni | Pneumati | hēmeis | pantes | eis | hen | sōma | ebaptisthēmen |
| 13 καὶ | γὰρ | ἐν | ἐνὶ | Πνεύματι | , ἡμεῖς | πάντες | εἰς | ἐν | σῶμα | ἐβαπτίσθημεν |
| Also | for | in | one | Spirit | we | all | into | one | body | were baptized |
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| 1 Corinthians 12:13 KJV | How: The Holy Spirit Immersed us into the Body of Christ as an Eternal, permanent placement |
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For by one Spirit are we all baptized **into** one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

HOW? – WE WERE CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

For we are God's handiwork, created **in Christ** Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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| autou | gar | esmen | poiēma | ktisthentes | en | Christō | lēsou | epi | ergois | agathois | hois | proētoimasen | |
| 10 | αὐτοῦ | γάρ | ἐσμεν | ποίημα , | κτισθέντες | ἐν | Χριστῷ | Ἰησοῦ | ἐπὶ | ἔργοις | ἀγαθοῖς , | οἷς | προητοιμάσθη |
| | Of Him | for | we are | workmanship | having been created | in | Christ | Jesus | for | works | good | which | prepared before |
| | PPro-GM3S | Conj | V-PIA-1P | N-NNS | V-APP-NMP | Prep | N-DMS | N-DMS | Prep | N-DNP | Adj-DNP | RelPro-DNP | V-AIA-3S |

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| 3588 [e] | 2316 [e] | 2443 [e] | 1722 [e] | 846 [e] | 4043 [e] |
| ho | Theos | hina | en | autois | peripatēsōmen |
| ὁ | Θεὸς , | ἵνα | ἐν | αὐτοῖς | περιπατήσωμεν . |
| - | God | that | in | them | we should walk |
| Art-NMS | N-NMS | Conj | Prep | PPro-DN3P | V-ASA-1P |

Ephesians 2:10

New International Version

In Christ we were a poiēma CREATED as this new body of Christ One Greek “before ordained” translated as more literally God “had (having) prepared beforehand”

King James Version

For we are his workmanship, created **in Christ** Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk **in** them.

HOW – WE WERE BOUGHT NEAR [TO GOD] BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

But now **in Christ** Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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| nyni | de | en | Christō | lēsou | hymeis | hoi | pote | ontes | makran | egenēthēte | engys | en | tō | haimati | |
| 13 | νυνὶ | δὲ | ἐν | Χριστῷ | Ἰησοῦ , | ὑμεῖς | οἱ | ποτε | ὄντες | μακρὰν | ἐγενήθητε | ἐγγύς | ἐν | τῷ | αἵματι |
| | Now | however | in | Christ | Jesus | you | the [ones] | once | being | far off | have become | near | by | the | blood |
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| 3588 [e] | 5547 [e] |
| tu | Christou |
| τοῦ | Χριστοῦ . |
| - | of Christ |
| Art-GMS | N-GMS |

Ephesians 2:13

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“In Christ” we who were FOR OFF Greek engus, ἐγγύς Used of place and position near, no longer an alien or outsider.

King James Version

But now **in Christ** Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of **Christ**.

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

But now **in Christ** Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of **Christ**.