In Christ

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:1-3, NIV)

Salvation is not so much what Christ *does* as what He *is*. All the blessings that come to us through Christ – love, peace, joy, and more – are His own personal characteristics. They do not come to us as a "something", wrapped up and handed to us. They come as *He* comes to us and unites His Spirit with ours. They come *in Him*.

There is a living union with Christ that can best be described as being *in Him*. It is a union that began in the heart of our Father before the foundation of the world.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him.
In Him we have redemption through his blood.
In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance.
In him you...were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
(Ephesians 1:3, 4, 7, 11, 13 NRSV)

In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him. (Colossians 2:9-10, NRSV)

Like all the blessings of salvation, living *in Christ* comes to us by grace, through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Our union with Him is a living, ongoing relationship of trust. We are one with Him as we trust Him. It's that simple.

Brother or sister in Christ, share with me this one deep longing and constant goal: to live every moment *in Christ*, trusting Him, now and forever.

All that matters now, all that will matter forever, is who we are in Christ.

Hymn: <u>I'm in You</u>

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