

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - IN CHRIST

OCTOBER 24, 2016

I. IMPORTANCE OF THE SIMPLE PHRASE “IN CHRIST”

- A. Used 11 times in the single sentence blessing God for His work
- B. Used over 130 times in the New Testament
- C. The meaning of this phrase is the whole gospel message

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “IN CHRIST”

- A. The Gospel - good news
 - 1. The good news of God’s deliverance for man (1 Corinthians 15)
 - a. Christ died - The Son of God went through the experience of death
 - b. For our sins - To pay the price for our refusal to honor God in our lives
 - c. He was buried - Recognized as dead and put in a grave
 - d. The third day was raised from the dead - He is now alive again
 - 2. The bad news (Isaiah 40) - All human life is like grass which is fading away

B. In Christ - a relationship

1. A positional relationship

- a. In Christ we are given a standing with God
- b. Similar in concept to citizenship
- c. God regards us with the same love and honor He gives His Son

2. A living relationship

- a. In Christ we share His life
- b. Similar to the flow of life in a plant
- c. We share the same life giving power that Christ exhibited on earth