

Message Notes

I'm OK in Jesus

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *Shortest sermon title ever!*

Quick Review of "I'm" and "OK"

This week's message: "in"

"Teaser" Quotes and Passages:

John 10:27-30, John 15:5, Philippians 3:8-9, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 4:4-5, Ephesians 5:22-33

How the bratwurst is made with your "OK-ness"

Galatians 2:19-21

1. *Dying to the law*
2. *Living for God*
3. *Crucified with Christ*
4. *Righteousness is NOT from me!!*

Marriage Analogy

Filing Taxes with God

We are SERIOUSLY blessed in Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:3-14

The necessity and results of our union with Jesus

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Implications:

1. This theology is absolutely life changing!
2. You are not alone
 - a. In your status with God (Justification)
 - b. In your relationship with God (Adoption)
 - c. In your life in God (Sanctification)
3. Your "in-ness" with Christ is what makes your "OK-ness."
4. You are now set free to do the good works God has for you
 - a. In Community (Gospel Friendships – Small Groups)
 - b. In our world
 - i. To pass on this good news
 - ii. To live lives for human flourishing

Gospel Application – *"Are you ok in Jesus?"*

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Praise 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. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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**MISSIONS
HIGHLIGHT**



HOPE ON CAMPUS
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ARE POLITICS THE ANSWER?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 7-9PM
BORDERTOWN COFFEE

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Toward a Biblical Anthropology



The LARGER and SHORTER

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The SUM of SAVING KNOWLEDGE (contain'd in the Holy Scriptures, and held forth in the said *Confession* and *Catechisms*) and PRACTICAL Use thereof; COVENANTS NATIONAL and SOLEMN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of SINS and ENGAGEMENT to DUTIES, DIRECTORIES, FORM of CHURCH GOVERNMENT, &c.

Q. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him forever.

~ The Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1646

The Fall of Mankind:

It's no longer the way it is supposed to be

Genesis 3



I'm

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Romans 4:5

⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

God justifies the ungodly,
who do not work, but trust and (exhibit) faith.

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TEASER

COMING SOON

“For years I have taught students that one of the most important items in Paul’s Theological vocabulary is the two-letter word *ἐν* [*in*], despite the failure of so many writers to pick it up.



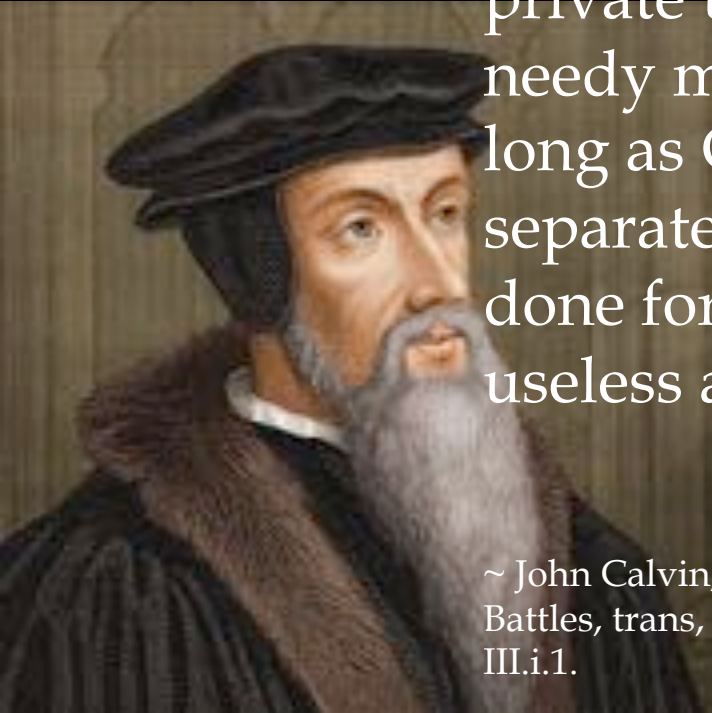
- I. Howard Marshall, Professor Emeritus of New Testament, University of Aberdeen

John 10:27-30

²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."



We must now examine this question. How do we receive those benefits which the Father bestowed on his only-begotten Son; not for Christ's own private use, but that He might enrich poor and needy men? First, we must understand that as long as Christ remains outside of us, and we are separated from Him, all that He has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value for us.



~ John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, John T. McNeill, ed, Ford Lewis Battles, trans, Library of Christian Classics (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960 [1559]), III.i.1.

John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

“Whatever you have of life was not given you till you came into union with Christ. It is a new thing — as new as though you had been actually dead and rotted in the tomb and then had started up at the sound of the trumpet to live again.



~ Charles Spurgeon, *Christus et Ego* sermon on November 17th, 1867

Philippians 3:8-9

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.



“ [Union with Christ] may be defined as *that intimate, vital, and spiritual union between Christ and His people, in virtue of which He is the source of their life and strength, of their blessedness and salvation.*

~ L. Berkhof, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans publishing co., 1938), 449.

1 Corinthians 1:30

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

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Union with Christ is . . . the central truth
of the whole doctrine of salvation. . . . It is
not simply a phase of the application of
redemption; it underlies every aspect of
redemption.



~ John Murray, *Redemption – Accomplished and Applied* [Eerdmans, 1955], pp. 201, 205.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:

The old has gone,
the new is here!



“ [Union with Christ] is at once the center and circumference of authentic human existence.

~ Lewis Smedes, *Union with Christ* [Eerdmans, 1983], xii.

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship.



Once you have your eyes opened to this concept of union with Christ, you will find it almost everywhere in the New Testament.



~ Anthony Hoekema, *Saved by Grace* [Eerdmans, 1989], 64.

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

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Paul's metaphorical language is one of his most potent tools for elucidating the spiritual reality of union with Christ. The metaphor of the body of Christ depicts the church as an organic being as each member partakes in Christ and is joined one to another. The metaphor implies union by its very nature. The metaphors of temple and building convey the corporate nature of the church, with the temple depicting the dwelling of God by his Spirit among his people, and the building denoting a structure incorporated into Christ, its foundation.

The metaphor of marriage profoundly depicts the church's spiritual union with Christ as a personal and exclusive bond as he saves, prepares, and cares for her, while she submits to his headship. The metaphor of clothing depicts the reality of conversion to Christ as well as its attendant ethical expectations; the believer *has* put on Christ and *is to* put on Christ. It is a symbol for union with Christ that entails conformity to Christ.

~ Constantine R. Campbell, *Paul and Union With Christ: An Exegetical and Theological Study* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012), 323.





How It's Made





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2. So that I might live for God

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Two Great Facts



*Christ
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*I died
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4. Righteousness is NOT from me

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- 3 Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶
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During the marriage ceremony, when a man and woman stand before the minister, they are two separate individuals. At the end of the ceremony, however, they are pronounced “husband and wife.” They are united; and the two become “one flesh” (Gen. 2:7; Eph. 5:25–31). The property of each individual becomes the property of both. But in our marriage union to Christ, the glorious exchange is far greater. Our sin and guilt are imputed to Christ, and His perfect law-keeping and suffering are imputed to us — what is ours becomes His, and what is His becomes ours. Because of the representative union that we share with Christ, the Father no longer looks upon us as sinful but sees only the righteousness and holiness of Christ.

~ J. V. Fesko, “Union with Christ in Paul’s Epistles,” *Tabletalk Magazine*, February 2013: *Union with Christ* (Sanford, FL: Ligonier Ministries, 2013), 14.

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Note particularly the phrase “created in Christ Jesus”. The word “created” pictures God’s sovereignly calling into existence something that did not exist before. Here the term refers, not to the origin of the universe as in Genesis 1:1, but to the origin of new spiritual life in those who were spiritually dead before. We have been made a new spiritual creation, Paul is saying. The concept describes an entirely new kind of life – a life filled with good works, sparkling with love, and devoted to God’s glory. But this new life begins in regeneration. Once again we see that we have been created anew (or regenerated) only in Christ Jesus. Not only did God choose us in Christ; he also re-created us in Christ.

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3. Your “in-ness” with Christ is what makes your “OK-ness.”

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Neer

Cowboy

Emo

Cheerleader

Skater

Rich

Gang

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in Community

(Gospel Friendships – Small Groups)

The background is a collage of various photographs showing church members in different settings: a group of men standing together, a woman sitting on a chair, a group of people in a meeting, a large group of people in a room, a group of people sitting at a table, and a group of people smiling in a room.

Get Connected — in a small group

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in Community

(Gospel Friendships – Small Groups)

in our world



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Gospel-Centered Application:

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