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IN CHRIST

In II Corinthians 5:17 it says, ***“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”*** The key to this verse is the word “in.” What does this mean? When we are born again through the shed blood of Jesus, we are “baptized” (not water baptism) or placed into the body of Christ the moment we are born again. We are now “in” Christ. He is also in us. He lives in our spirit when we are born again.

Since the Father cannot look on sin, he turned away from Jesus while He was on the cross. All sin was placed “in” or on Christ, so that we could be free of sin through salvation. When this happened Jesus cried out in Mark 15:34, ***“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama, sabach thani? Which being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?”*** At that very moment, God turned his face away from Jesus because he had become sin for you and me.

The only way the Father can look at us is through seeing us in Jesus. We are “in” the body of Christ. This causes us to be righteous. When Jesus said ***“It is finished”*** in John 19:30 it meant that He had completed what was necessary to reconcile us back to the Father.

Now that we are “in” Christ, we must look at ourselves differently. We must realize that Christ in us is the hope of glory. We can do nothing on our own merit. All good that we have is because we are “in” Christ.

Perhaps you see yourself as a wretched sinner, but that contradicts the word of God if you are born again. You are NOW “in” Christ, and Father sees you justified or cleared of all guilt and sin. To live a victorious life, you must see yourself where you truly are as a believer, and that is “in” Christ. It will help you to live a righteous life, knowing that God lives in you and all that you do affects him. It will help you defeat depression and anxiety, knowing that the very God that gave his life is “in” you and is as close as the whisper of his name.

Start seeing yourself “in” Christ, and your life will change.