

Finding Rest “In Christ”

Romans 6-8

The Theology of Rest

Theme:

- Believers are described as “In Christ” more than 25 times in the New Testament.
- Because of our union with Christ, we already have everything that Christ has accomplished on our behalf. Sin no longer has dominion and authority over us.
- Believers find rest and peace in God’s work.

Introduction:

Consider, if only briefly, whatever sin or issue you are facing. Perhaps you have been told that “thing” is keeping you from being loved by God or causing you to be punished somehow. In our passage, Paul comforts believers by telling them that “thing” is actually dead, and because you are “In Christ” there is now something else that drives your standing before God.

Outline:

1. The astounding benefits of being In Christ
 - a. Spiritual Union (Romans 6:1-11, 7:4)
 - b. Eternal Salvation (6:22-23)
 - c. Righteousness (3:21-22, 2 Cor 5:21)
 - d. Holiness (Ro 6:22, 1 Cor 1:2 1 Cor 6:11, Heb 10:10-14)
 - e. Freedom (Ro 8:1-4)
 - f. A New Nature (2 Cor 5:17, Ro 8:6-10)
2. Why then do we sin?
 - a. Our Struggles
 - b. Paul Comforts Believers (Ro 7,8)
3. God’s Great Redemptive Purpose (Ro 8:18-25)

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the Next Step?)

1. Believer, Believe!
2. Believer, Be Comforted. You are in Christ

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