

ARE YOU
In Or Out

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⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. ¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses...

Implications of Being *In* or *Out* of Christ

- Outside of Christ, one is empty of blessings & benefit
 - *Ephesians 2:11-12* True of Gentile with no access to hope
 - *Ephesians 4:17-19* True of spiritual Gentiles alienated to God
- In the person of Christ dwells the fulness of Godhead
 - *Colossians 1:15-18* Christ is the image of the invisible God
 - *John 1:1-3* → *Hebrews 1:1-3*
- When one is in Christ, he has the fullness of blessings
 - *Ephesians 1:3*
 - *Colossians 1:9-14*
- When one is in Christ, he is set apart to God
 - *Matthew 28:18-20*
 - *Galatians 3:26-27*
- When one is in Christ, he is made alive through Christ
 - *Romans 6:3-11*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

When We Are In Christ...

- We were baptized into Christ (*Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:11-12*)
- We are in the church of Christ (*1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 1:17-18*)
- We have unity in Christ (*Galatians 3:28; Romans 12:5*)