

24 Spiritual Realities in Christ

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT) ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

1. **We are in the eternal plan of God:**
 - **Foreknown - Romans 8:29 (NLT)** ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
 - **Elected/Chosen/ Called - 1 Thessalonians 1:4 (NLT)** ⁴ We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.
2. **We have been reconciled and brought back into right standing with God**
 - **Reconciled to God by God - 2 Corinthians 5:18,19 (NASB)** ¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
3. **We are redeemed and therefore the property of God**
 - **1 Peter 1:18,19 (NASB)** ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
4. **We have been forgiven all trespasses**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)** ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
5. **Because all sins are covered by the atoning blood: Made righteous**
 - **Philippians 3:9 (NASB)** ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,
6. **Therefore we are justified which means we stand before God just as though we have never sinned**
 - **Romans 4:25 (NASB)** ²⁵ He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.
7. **And therefore we ... are free from the Law because we are married to Christ and grace**
 - **Romans 7:4 (NASB)** ⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another (KJV – married), to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.
8. **We are crucified with Christ – the old man nature is dead and the new has come to life**
 - **Romans 6:6 (NASB)** ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;
 - **Galatians 2:20 (NASB)** ²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
9. **We are the children of God who have been adopted into His family when we were born again**
 - **Predestinated - Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)** ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.
 - **Present adoption - Romans 8:15 (NASB)** ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
 - **Future adoption - Romans 8:23 (NASB)** ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.
10. **We are truly acceptable to God through Jesus Christ:**
 - **Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)** ⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
11. **We have been brought near to God**
 - **Ephesians 2:13 (NASB)** ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
12. **We are delivered from the powers of darkness...**
 - **Colossians 1:13 (NASB)** ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, ...

13. **And ...translated Into the Kingdom:**
- **Colossians 1:13 (NASB)** ¹³ ... and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
 - **Acts 26:18 (NASB)** ¹⁸ to open their eyes so that they may turn from **darkness to light** and from the **dominion of Satan to God**,...
14. **We have been given a new heart**
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NASB)** ²⁶ "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.
15. **We are a chosen race and a royal priesthood**
- **1 Peter 2:9 (NASB)** ⁹ But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, A holy nation, a (peculiar) people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 - **Holy Priesthood - 1 Peter 2:5 (NASB)** ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
16. **We are objects of...**
- **His Love - Ephesians 2:4 (NASB)** ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
 - **His peace - Col. 3:15** "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ..."
 - **His Grace - Eph. 2:8** For salvation, "By Grace are you saved"
 - **His power - Eph. 1:19** "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to toward us who believe"
 - **His eternal work in our lives - Philippians 2:13 (NASB)** ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
 - **His eternal presence - Heb. 13:5** "For he has said, I will never leave you , or forsake you"
 - **His intercession - Heb. 7:25** "Seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them"
17. **We have an inheritance**
- **Ephesians 1:18 (NASB)** ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, **what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance** in the saints,
 - **Ephesians 1:14 (NLT)** ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.
18. **We have a heavenly association**
- **Partners with Christ in life - 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NASB)** ⁹ God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - **Partners with Christ in service - 1 Corinthians 3:9 (NASB)** ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. "
19. **We are heavenly citizens:**
- **Philippians 3:20 (NASB)** ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
20. **We are of the family and household of God:**
- **Ephesians 2:19 (NASB)** ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household
21. **We are light in the Lord**
- **Ephesians 5:8 (NASB)** ⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light
22. **We are blessed with the person of the Holy Spirit:**
- **Indwelt by the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB)** ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
 - **Sealed by the Spirit - Ephesians 4:30 (NASB)** ³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
23. **We are vitally united to Christ sharing in His divine nature**
- **2 Peter 1:4 (NLT)** ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.
24. **We are made complete in Him**
- **Colossians 2:10 (NASB)** ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete,