

- **Galatians 2:20**

Past: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Present: The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- **Galatians 5:24**

Present/Past: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Past: Praise 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.

In love ⁵ he ^[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship ^[b] through Jesus Christ,

Present: ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

Past: ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, ^[d] having been predestined...

Past: ¹³ And 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,

Present/Future ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

- **Ephesians 2:1-10**

Sin Past: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

Present: ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions

Past: it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Past: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus

Present/Future to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **Colossians 1:21-23**

Sin Past: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of^[a] your evil behavior.

Past: But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death

Present: to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

- **Colossians 2:11-14**

Past: In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands.

Sin Past: Your whole self ruled by the flesh^[a]

Past: was put off when you were circumcised by^[b] Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Sin Past: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,

Past: God made you^[c] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

- **Colossians 3:1-4**

Past: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,... ³ For you died,

Present: and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Future: When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- **1 Peter 2:9-10**

Present: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,

Sin Past: Once you were not a people,

Present: but now you are the people of God;

Sin Past: once you had not received mercy,

Present: but now you have received mercy.

- **Ephesians 2:13**

Sin Past: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away **Present:** have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- **Ephesians 2:19-20**

Present: Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Throughout these verses we have seen that as a child of God we are at the same time in possession of and in the process of obtaining all that God the Father has for us in Christ Jesus. It is the paradox of living the Christian life.

My identity in Jesus daily provides me with the strength and motivation to live a Christ-like servant lifestyle.

- **Philippians 3:12-14**

On-going work: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.