

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Worship  
Date : November 6, 2016 AM

**TITLE : WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE IN CHRIST**  
Text/s :

1 Cor 1:27-31

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

KJV

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

KJV

Gal 3:27-29

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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Bible Reading :

Titus 3:3-8

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

KJV

Song/s :

Christ for me, Yes, it's Christ for me  
He's my Savior, my Lord and King  
I'm so happy I shout and sing  
Christ for me, Yes, it's Christ for me  
Everyday as I go my way  
Yes, it's Christ for me!

Kay Cristo, ako'y kay Cristo  
Mananakop na Kordero

Panginoon ng buhay ko  
Kay Cristo, ako'y kay Cristo  
Bawa't araw, bawa't lingo  
Ako'y kay Cristo!

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## INTRODUCTION

This verse defines what Christ is to His own:

- Wisdom, for they are foolish;  
Titus 3:3  
3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.  
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- Righteousness, for they are unrighteous;  
  
1 Cor 6:9  
9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,  
KJV
- Sanctification, for they are unholy;  
  
1 Tim 1:9  
9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,  
KJV  
  
1 Cor 6:9-11  
9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,  
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.  
11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.  
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- Redemption, for they are in bondage, under sin.  
  
Rom 7:14  
14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.  
KJV  
  
1 Peter 1:18-19  
18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;  
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:  
KJV

Let us appreciate the marvelous work of Christ in and on the believing Christian. As our text says, He becomes wisdom to us who lack wisdom; He is made our righteousness, although we were sinners; we who are unholy receive our sanctification in Him; and when we were lost, sold to sin and bound, He became our redemption.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become [same word, *ginomai*] the sons of God" ([John 1:12](#)). All that Christ is, we are made through His great sacrifice for us.

Col 2:10

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:  
(KJV)

1 Cor 1:30

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--  
(NKJ)

Col 2:10

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:  
(KJV)

Rom 11:36

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.  
(KJV)

Phil 1:21

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.  
(KJV)

Phil 3:9

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:  
(KJV)

Eph 1:12

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.  
KJV

Christ became for us

## **A) Wisdom, for the mind**

*Wisdom of God:* This is the preferred rendering. Paul was writing to the church at Corinth (a Greek city). The Greeks were infatuated with wisdom, but Paul declared Christ Jesus to be the "wisdom of God." Such wisdom is likewise imparted to believers ([v. 24](#)), while "the foolishness of God is wiser than men" ([v. 25](#)).

Col 2:3

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
(KJV)

Col 4:5

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.  
KJV

1 Cor 1:24-29

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

(KJV)

Eph 5:15

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
(KJV)

2 Tim 3:15

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.  
(KJV)

Prov 2:4-11

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;  
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.  
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.  
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.  
8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.  
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.  
10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;  
11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:  
(KJV)

The early Christians were made wise, not after the type of Jewish rabbis or Greek sages, but as cast into a higher mould – the mind of Christ. And so also now. It must be confessed that some who profess and call themselves Christians speak and act foolishly; but the more Christian at heart one becomes, the more does he gain of a wisdom far beyond the keenest penetration of worldly minds, for he makes his estimates in the light of God, and learns to look on earthly things as from "heavenly places." Christ in us is Wisdom from above.

Eph 4:23-32

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;  
24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.  
25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.  
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:  
27 Neither give place to the devil.  
28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.  
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.  
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:  
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.  
KJV

Rom 8:5-9

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.  
6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.  
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.  
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.  
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.  
KJV

Rom 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.  
KJV

## **B) Righteousness, for the heart and relations**

*Righteousness:* Christ, being "made" righteous, becomes an all-sufficient righteousness to us. This imputed rightness before God gives us a new standing before Him, permitting us access to Him, peace with Him, and ultimate glory with Him.

Rom 3:10

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:  
(KJV)

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Rom 6:19-22

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.  
20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.  
21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.  
22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.  
KJV

Heb 12:14

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:  
KJV

Col 3:3-5

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.  
4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.  
5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:  
(KJV)

2 Cor 7:1

7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.  
KJV

Rom 6:5-14

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:  
6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

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The world can show men of strength, skill, valour, shrewdness, eloquence, erudition, enterprise; but where is the righteous man? Alas! there is not one. Nay; but there is One righteous. Jesus Christ was and is that "Just One." And as the wisdom ascribed to him is "the wisdom of God," so also the righteousness attributed to him is "righteousness of God." This righteous One died for us, the just One for the unjust many. And in his restoration from the dead and return as the righteous One to the Father, there is the basis of acceptance for all who are "of God in him." So righteousness is imputed without works. Christ is made to us Righteousness.

2 Tim 2:22

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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1 Tim 1:5

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

KJV

Luke 6:45-49

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

KJV

Matt 15:19-20

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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## **C) Sanctification, for character and service**

*Sanctification:* In Christ, we not only have this righteous standing, we are assured of a holy state as well. Through the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we know that our lives will be constantly molded into Christ-likeness.

We are set apart from something to something. Separated from and dedicated to.

Col 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.  
(KJV)

1 Cor 6:9-11

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

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Eph 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

KJV

1 Thess 5:23

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

KJV

1 Peter 3:15-17

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

KJV

1 Cor 1:2

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

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1 Thess 4:3-6

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

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"Holiness to the Lord" is not known, or even possible, without Christ. Yet "without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." Now, the apostle does not say that Christ is made to us Holiness; for this might seem to favour a doctrine of imputed holiness, which is full of peril. But he is made to us Consecration; so that in him we are constituted saints,

separated from evil to the services of the holy God, and from him we derive purifying and sustaining grace for that newness of life to which we are called and pledged.

#### **D) Redemption, for freedom and release from sin.**

*Redemption:* Christ is made redemption for us, and in its fullest definition, this is His final goal. Through His redemptive work, we have been completely delivered from the power of sin, and will one day be delivered from the presence of sin.

Redemption summarized:

Redemption may be summarized around these basic ideas: (1) We have been redeemed from something; namely, the marketplace or slavery of sin. (2) We have been redeemed by something, namely, by the payment of a price – the blood of Christ. (3) We have been redeemed to something, namely, to a state of freedom; and then we are called to renounce that freedom for slavery to the Lord who redeemed them.

Rom 3:24

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:  
(KJV)

Rom 7:24

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?  
KJV

Titus 2:14

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.  
KJV

1 Peter 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
KJV

1 Peter 1:18

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;  
KJV

Rom 3:23-25

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;  
24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:  
25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;  
KJV

Eph 1:7

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;  
KJV

Col 1:14

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:  
KJV

Rom 8:23

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.  
(KJV)

Eph 4:30

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
KJV

1 Cor 15:51-57

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(KJV)

There is no need to say "complete redemption," or "final redemption," as some menders of Scripture have been wont to do, because the thing in view is not "the redemption of the purchased possession," or the redemption of the body at the resurrection of the just; but the redemption which is now obtained by reason of the precious blood of Christ, because he gave himself a ransom for us. So we have decisive and conclusive quittance, both from guilt and from "the house of bondage." And here also Christ is all.