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To be ‘in Christ’ means that by grace, through faith and by the Holy Spirit a believer is united to Jesus Christ in such a way that His history becomes our history.

His righteousness becomes our righteousness.

His life becomes our life.

His Father becomes our Father.

His inheritance becomes our inheritance.

His future becomes our future.

All that Christ has accomplished is shared with those who are united to Him.

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EPHESIANS 1:7 (NKJV)

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

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JOHN 8:34

“Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”

(MSG)

“I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave.”

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GENESIS 4:6-7 (NKJV)

So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

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ROMANS 7:15-17 (TLB)

“I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to—what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can’t help myself because I’m no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things.”

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It is the deep, largely unspoken story that a culture tells itself about reality; about what is meaningful and how a person can truly flourish.

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PSALM 33:18 (NKJV)

To deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

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PSALM 20:1-2 (NKJV)

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble.
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you.
May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and strengthen you out of Zion.

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- They had to be a flesh relative.
- They had to have the resources required to pay the ransom price.
- They had to be willing to do it. They could not be coerced.
- Their work of Redemption had to be asked for by those who needed it. They could not simply step in on his own initiative.

1 PETER 1:18-19 (JBPhillips)

“For you must realise all the time that you have been “ransomed” from the futile way of living passed on to you by your fathers’ traditions, not with some money payment of transient value, but by the costly shedding of blood. The price was in fact the life-blood of Christ, the unblemished and unstained lamb of sacrifice.”

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HEBREWS 9:22 (NKJV)

“…without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

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LUKE 4:18 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted,
To proclaim *liberty* to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at *liberty* those who are oppressed.”

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1 JOHN 1:7-9 (NKJV)

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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