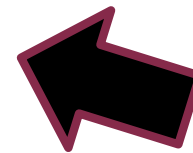




**I Am So Thankful
to Be In Christ!**



Reasons

Thankful To Be In Christ

- I have been lavished upon with **every** spiritual blessing.
 - 1:3–14.
 - I've been chosen, adopted, accepted, redeemed, forgiven and sealed.
 - What was previously a mystery has been revealed to me—the plan for MY salvation.
 - I'm in line for the most wonderful inheritance the heart could imagine.
 - Contrast that with my previous condition—2:12.

Thankful To Be In Christ

- ◉ I have access to the exceeding greatness of God's power.
 - Only through Christ. 2:17–18; 3:12–13.
 - It's the same power God used to raise Christ from the dead. 1:18–20.
 - And ME! 2:4–6.

Thankful To Be In Christ

- ◉ I have access to the exceeding greatness of God's power.
 - And it's still available to me. 3:20–21.
 - It works in me when...
 - I pray to the Almighty God.
 - I apply the message of the cross (4:32; 5:2, 25).
 - When I put on the armor of God (6:10–20).

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- ◉ Christ rules over all things, and He does so for MY benefit.
 - 1:22–23.
 - Compare to Colossians 1:18.
 - Everything is at His disposal to take care of ME! 5:25–29.

Thankful To Be In Christ

- ◉ I get to “show off” to others the grace, wisdom, power, and glory of God.
 - Notice the design of God’s eternal plan—1:6, 12, 14.
 - Here’s what He wants to show others through ME—2:7; 3:8–10; 3:20–21.
 - This is where chapters 4–6 come in.