

# JOY TO YOUR WORLD: The Born-Again Identity

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2

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***When you Know Who You Are in Christ,  
You'll Have Joy to Your World***

## 1. Understand the Definition of “in Christ.”

*“In Christ” refers to the primary way believers should identify, enjoy, and understand our Union with Christ.*

## 2. Enjoy the Practical Benefits of Union with Christ:

1. Enjoy the Fellowship of God.
2. Enjoy the Certainty of Eternal Life.
3. Enjoy the Peace of Adoption.
4. Enjoy the Exhilaration of Forgiveness.
5. Enjoy the Thrill of God's Smile.
6. Enjoy the Fulfillment of a Purpose.
7. Enjoy the Certainty of Victory over Sin.
8. Enjoy the Confidence of Future Appearing.

*Philippians 1:1-2*

*Paul and Timothy,  
servants of Christ  
Jesus, to all  
the saints in Christ  
Jesus who are at  
Philippi, with  
the overseers  
and deacons:*

*<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and  
peace from God our  
Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

*(ESV)*

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is by discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here:*

[www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)

1. The term "in Christ" is a multifaceted idea. After this sermon, could you better define what it means to be "in Christ?" How would you explain what it means to be "in Christ?"
  
2. **Read Philippians 1 and Ephesians 1.** What aspect of the Christian's Identity is most thrilling to you as you consider the implication of being "in Christ?"
  
3. Saul was given a new identity. His new name, Paul, was a testimony that he was transformed by the grace of God. Share how God has transformed you since the day you came to salvation. How have you been transformed to witness to the grandeur of God?

### **Quote for the Week. . .**

**Alexander MacLauren**



*"In Christ, as a great storehouse, lie all the riches of spiritual wisdom, the massive ingots of solid gold which when coined into creeds and doctrines are the wealth of the Church. All which we can know concerning God and man, concerning sin and righteousness and duty, concerning another life, is in Him Who is the home and deep mine where truth is stored... The central fact of the universe and the perfect encyclopedia of all moral and spiritual truth is in Christ, the Incarnate Word, the Lamb slain, the ascended King."*