

## Six Things it Means to be in Christ Jesus by John Piper

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*[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.* (2 Timothy 1:9)

Being “in Christ Jesus” is a stupendous reality. It is breathtaking to be united to Christ. Bound to Christ.

If you are “in Christ” listen to what it means for you:

1. *In Christ Jesus* you were given grace before the world was created. Second Timothy 1:9, “He gave us grace *in Christ Jesus* before the ages began.”
2. *In Christ Jesus* you were chosen by God before creation. Ephesians 1:4, “[God] chose us *in [Christ]* before the foundation of the world.”
3. *In Christ Jesus* you are loved by God with an inseparable love. Romans 8:38–39, “I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be

able to separate us from the love of God *in Christ Jesus* our Lord.”

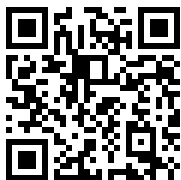
4. *In Christ Jesus* you were redeemed and forgiven for all your sins. Ephesians 1:7, “*In [Christ]* we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.”
5. *In Christ Jesus* you are justified before God and the righteousness of God in Christ is imputed to you. Second Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that *in him* we might become the righteousness of God.”
6. *In Christ Jesus* you have become a new creation and a son of God. Second Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is *in Christ*, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” Galatians 3:26, “*In Christ Jesus* you are all sons of God, through faith.”

I pray that you will never grow weary of exploring and exulting in the inexhaustible privilege of being “in Christ Jesus.”

### Events

TODAY  
Hawfields 3 PM  
9/5 Small Groups 7:15 PM  
9/9 College & Career Lunch  
1 PM  
9/25-9/29 Directory Photos  
10/6 Annual Church Picnic  
2-9 PM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am  
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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# Blessed are those whose STRENGTH is in You

**Psalm 84:5**

**Traducción simultanea  
al español disponible en  
servicios de AM y PM**

# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship

### Opening Hymn

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,  
one day when sin was as dark as could be.

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men, my example is He.  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed.

### (Chorus)

**Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me,  
buried He carried my sins far away.**

**Rising, He justified, freely forever.**

**One day He's coming; oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day!**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me!

### (Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose; over death He had conquered.

Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

Death could not hold Him! The grave could not keep Him from rising again!

### (Chorus)

**Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!

One day the skies with His glories will shine!

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing My Savior, Jesus is mine!

### (Chorus)

**Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!**

## Pastor Michael Lopes

### Glorious Day

## Preparatory

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
there God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

### (Chorus with "echos")

**I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.**

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No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore,  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

### (Chorus with "echos")

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

### (Chorus with "echos") (repeat chorus)

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## Sermon

## Pastor Gary Hendrix

# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship

### Opening Hymn

### Scripture Reading

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

We are dead to sin and alive in Christ, and we long to be a living sacrifice.

Purify our hearts and cleanse our hands to live holy lives in Your sovereign plan.

**(Chorus) We stand in grace. We stand in grace.**

**Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,  
we stand in grace.**

We have peace with God through the Spotless Lamb  
whose blood was shed so we may be born again.

Let us drink our fill from this Fount of Grace and be faithful to Him  
'til we behold His face.

### (Chorus)

**(key change) (Chorus)**

**We stand in grace.**

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## Preparatory

## Sermon

## Pastor Stephen Byrd

### #132 Wondrous King All Glorious

### Psalm 106:7-33, page 505

## We Stand in Grace

## #431 Just as I Am

## Pastor Stu Johnston

## Scripture Reading

## John 10:1-18, page 896

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

## There is a Higher Throne

There is a Higher Throne, than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue, will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

**(Chorus) Hear Heaven's voices sing; their thunderous anthem rings**

**Through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.**

**All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor  
are to God, our King, Who reigns on high forevermore!**

And there we'll find our home; our life before the Throne.

We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King, we'll reign with Him.

### (Chorus 2x)

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