

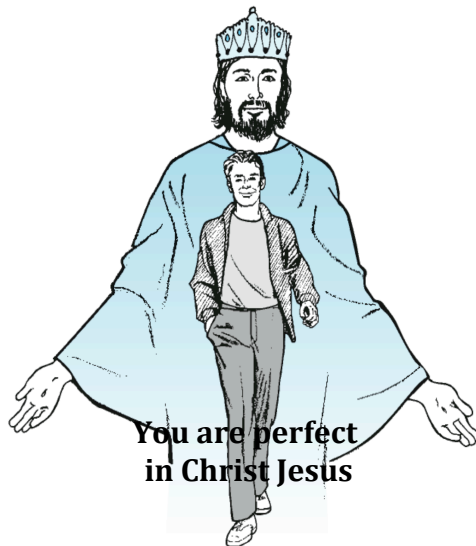
Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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If we look through a piece of red glass, everything is red; through blue glass, everything is blue; through yellow glass, everything is yellow, and so on.

The glorious truth is that when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, God looks at us through the Lord Jesus Christ. He sees us in all the white holiness of His Son. This is the great New Testament doctrine of the imputation of our sin to the account of Christ and His righteousness to our account.

This is how I think of you, my friend, perfect in Christ Jesus!



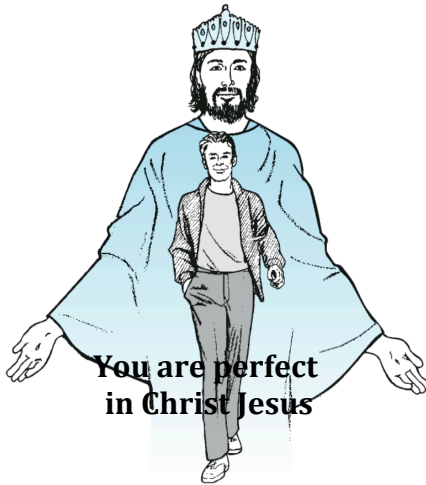
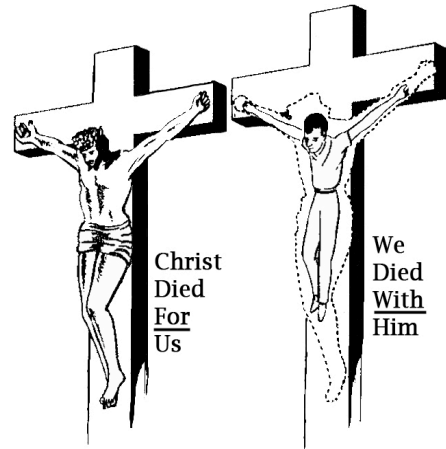
You see, God says in His Holy Word, *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him...”* **Colossians 2:9, 10a**

My friend, as we hold to this fact by faith, we are brought into the practical reality of it day by day in our experience. Little by little we receive what is already ours. The important thing to know and be sure of is that all is ours. We are complete in Him now!

This fact, my friend, is what enables us to hold still while He patiently works into our character that life of ours which is hid with Christ in God. **Colossians 3:1-3**

Someone may be thinking, "How did I get in Christ?" This is how: you were crucified with Christ!

You see, you were **crucified** with Christ, **buried** with Him, **raised** with Him, **ascended** with Him, and **seated** with Him!



This is the reason God sees you perfect in Christ. It is all of His work from beginning to end. We call it grace.

Crucified - "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." **Galatians 2:20**

Buried - "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death..." **Romans 6:4a**

Raised - "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above..." **Colossians 3:1a**

Ascended - "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." **Acts 1:9**

Seated - "...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" **Ephesians 2:6**

Please pray for me, and my upcoming speaking engagements. Thank you for your kindness in helping me to help others.

Abiding above,

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