



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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My friend, God is doing so much with your support through this ministry. Your help is delivering people from bondage to the truth that sets them free as we share the position, possessions, and privileges that are ours, **“in Christ.”** Remember, friend, we share in all that He did! **Crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:3); Buried with Christ (Romans 6:4); Raised with Christ (Romans 6:4) Ascended with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-7).** Friend, please pause for just a moment and think about this! Sharing this truth is the only answer to depression, anxiety, rejection, guilt, anger, and so many more traps that are set for us.

When we see what we **already** have **“in Christ,”** and that it is for keeps and that we cannot maintain it in order to keep it, we can rest solely in what God has eternally provided for us **“in Christ.”** God sees us perfect in Christ, and we can be satisfied and carry about us His perfect peace that passes all understanding. This is the answer! What a positive message! What a Savior!



**You are perfect
in Christ Jesus**

My friend, this is how God thinks of you and this is how I think of you, 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](#)

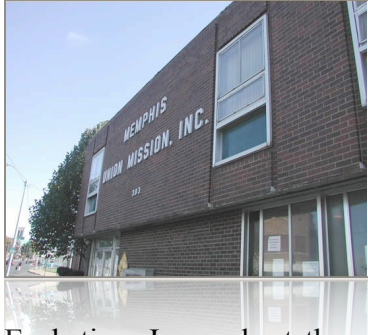
When you and I hold to these facts by faith, we are brought into the practical reality of them day-by-day in our experience. Little-by-little we receive what is already ours. We are complete in Christ Jesus now!

This is what enables us to hold still while He patiently works into our character the life that is now ours, hidden with Christ in God. As we see and apply these truths, we will grow spiritually. Spiritual growth should be the desire of every believer. Sadly, this gets crowded out, mainly because of busyness, and sometimes, even busyness for God. We must choose to stay committed, stay focused, and stay in the Word of God. Don't let the trappings of this world distract you from living and moving and having your being in Christ Jesus!

Our mission continues: *To share the gospel with every person, encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.*



Chris Hodges
President & CEO



I was encouraged this month by seeing more than 85 men and women pray to receive Christ, as I preached 5 days at Memphis Union Mission's Annual Tent Crusade, May 18-22. What a privilege to see just one more soul walk down the aisle! We must always remember, but for the grace of God we could find ourselves in a rescue mission struggling with an addiction and many personal problems.

Each time I preach at the mission I try to bring a discipleship message and close with a simple gospel plea. I believe they need basic encouragement and to learn principles to live by that we know come only from God's Holy Word. I feel led by the Holy Spirit to be as patient with them as God has always been with me.

Your Help Is Needed: At every opportunity, we follow up salvation with our simple discipleship materials so that we may help individuals on their way in their new life in Christ. This is accomplished through our correspondence discipleship ministry, **"Abiding Above Ministries Discipleship School."** These lessons are provided free to all who ask for them.

Our work is only possible by the gifts we receive from supporters like you and we sincerely thank you for making this possible. These events, of our through the mail discipleship ministry and our radio and internet broadcasting are the necessary expenses we incur as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

Would you please consider a gift to help us? Would you pray about a monthly gift in the \$75 to \$150 range? Of course, the amount is up to you. Gifts of all sizes will be cheerfully accepted as they are cheerfully given. [2 Corinthians 9:7](#) - ***"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*** Thank you in advance for whatever the Lord leads you to do.

I want to personally thank you for your prayers and support. I am grateful, and feel a great sense of responsibility to God first, but also to you for what you have entrusted to me. With your prayers and support, we can continue to be on the air, on the internet, and to place Bible lessons in the hands of those in need of discipleship.

May God bless you, and continue to make you a blessing here and around the world!

Abiding above,

President
Abiding Above Ministries
Colossians 3:1-3