WORDshop: Sessions 20 – 22, Christ in Us - Identity In Christ, Through Christ & with Christ

Aspects of identity to explore:

- 1 Who is Christ?
- 2 Who am I with Christ in me, in Christ. through Christ, with Christ?
- **John 1:1-5**, "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."
- **John 1:14,** "So the **Word** became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."
- **Revelation 19:11-13**, "Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the **Word of God**."
- **John 14:6**, "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
- **John 15:5**, "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who **remain in me**, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from me you can do nothing**."

CHRIST IN ME

John 14:20, "On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you."

Romans 8:8-11, "Those controlled by the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the flesh, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But **if Christ is in you**, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you."

Colossians 1:27-28, "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

Galatians 2:19-21, "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live to God. **20**I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. **21**I do not set aside the grace of God. For if righteousness comes through the law, Christ died for nothing."

Ephesians 1:15-23, "**15**For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **16**I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17**that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18**having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know

what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***Ephesians 2:4-10, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 3:17-21, "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

IN CHRIST

- ***Colossians 2:6-7, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
- **1 Corinthians 1:30,** "It is because of Him that you are <u>in Christ Jesus</u>, who has become for us wisdom from God: our righteousness, holiness, and redemption."
- **1 Corinthians 5:17**, "Therefore, if anyone is <u>in Christ</u>, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- **2 Corinthians 5:21**, "God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that <u>in Him</u> we might become the righteousness of God."
- **2 Timothy 1:9**, "He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began."
- **2 Corinthians 1:19-22,** "19For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. 20For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

21And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, 22and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

THROUGH CHRIST

1 John 4:9, "This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him."

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength"

WITH CHRIST

Colossians 3:1-4, "If then you have been raised <u>with Christ</u>, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden <u>with Christ in God</u>. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Matthew 19:26, "But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but <u>with God</u> all things are possible."

Romans 8:31-37, "31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor 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."

What does it mean to live in Christ and through Christ?

How do you do it?

What does that look like each day?