

**In Christ, Alone**  
**1 John 5: 19-21**  
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**Introduction:**       **In the days before Noah – apocalyptic**  
                              **The key was the ark, a wooden vessel that secured the future for Noah**  
                              **It was the means of salvation from the wrath of God**  
                              **The little prepositional phrase: In Christ**

**I. In Christ: What it is**

- a. **It is a bit easier to understand the notion of Christ in you:**
  - i. **Col. 1: 27 – Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- b. **But what is it for me to be “in Christ?”**
  - i. **Conceptually similar to Noah being “in ark.”**
  - ii. **“In Christ” was God’s means for salvation for me**
  - iii. **“ion ark” was God’s means for salvation for Noah**
  - iv. **God sealed the door**
  - v. **To be “in Christ” is to be sheltered and protected by Almighty God**
  - vi. **To be “in Christ” is to enjoy the salvation of Almighty God**
  - vii. **To be “in Christ” is to be assured of safe passage**

**II. In Christ: Features and Benefits**

- a. **Ephesians 1 is the road map of being “in Christ**
  - i. **All one sentence**
  - ii. **Once he started, he didn’t want to stop**
- b. **Ephesians 1:3 – “every spiritual blessing in Christ”**
  - i. **Benefit: Christ emerges increasingly in our lives – the correlated spiritual blessings emerge with Him**
- c. **Ephesians 1: 4 - “just as He chose us in Him”**
  - i. **Benefit: God had us in mind for the first blade of grass sprouted**
- d. **Ephesians 1: 6 “with which He blessed us in the Beloved”**
  - i. **Benefit: God has poured out His glorious grace on us – we received what we did not merit**
- e. **Ephesians 1:7 – “In Him we have redemption through His blood”**
  - i. **Benefit: We were enslaved to sin and estranged from God –no more**
- f. **Ephesians 1: 9 – “Making known to us the mystery of His will . . .in Christ”**
  - i. **Benefit – we have insight into the purposes of God**
- g. **Ephesians 1: 10 – “To unite all things in Him”**
  - i. **Benefit: The world is not random. There is purpose and direction.**
- h. **Ephesians 1: 11 – “In Him we have obtained an inheritance.”**
  - i. **Benefit: In Christ I have a new identity and a new direction**
- i. **Ephesians 1:13 – “In Him you also received the promised Holy Spirit”**
  - i. **Benefit: He shut us in with the Holy Spirit**
- j. **1 John 5: 20 –“in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”**
  - i. **Benefit: Eternal life**

**III. Take Away – How do you Gain “in Christ” status?**

- a. **We don’t deserve it**
- b. **We can’t earn it**
- c. **We can only receive it by faith**
- d. **Believing the bad news and the good news.**