

# Your Federal Head in Your Stead

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### **I. God has had a people since before creation**

**Eph 1:4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

**Eph 1:5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children...

**Eph 1:6** To the praise of the glory of his grace...

**Eph 1:11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

**Rom 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**Rom 8:30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

### **A. God gave His elect people to Christ in the Covenant of Grace before time began**

**Joh 6:37** **All that the Father giveth me** shall come to me...

**Joh 6:39** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of **all which he hath given me** I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

**Mat 1:21** ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Isa 53:8** ...for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

**Joh 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

**Joh 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish...

Joh 10:29 My Father, **which gave them me**, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to **as many as thou hast given him**.

Joh 17:6 ...thine they were, and **thou gavest them me...**

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for **them which thou hast given me**; for they are thine.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, **whom thou hast given me**, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory...

Heb 2:13 ...Behold I and the children **which God hath given me**.

## **B. God even placed His elect children “In Christ”—All of salvation hinges on this**

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus...**

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places in Christ*:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:6 ...wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**.

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **in him**.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus...**

## **II. Christ as your federal head—(You in Christ)—Is how you get eternal life**

### **A. God’s way of judgment—As in Adam—Even so in Christ**

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

### **B. All who were “in Adam” receive sin, condemnation and death**

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 5:18 ...by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation...

Rom 5:19 ...by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

**C. All who were “in Christ” receive grace, justification and life**

Rom 5:18 ...even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

**D. The action of the head counts for all who are in the head (no choice—no option)**

—This totally eliminates any idea of “decisional salvation”—(Not by our decisions)

—The two decisions that mattered were Adam’s decision to sin and God’s to save

**III. Christ in you is how you become spiritually alive**

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

Gal 4:6 ...God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

**IV. The idea of ‘in the stead of’ in the Bible**

**A. God provided a ram to die ‘in the stead of’ His child of the promise**

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb...

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering **in the stead of** his son.

**B. Judah offered himself ‘in the stead of’ his brother**

Gen 44:32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

Gen 44:33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

**C. Moses offered himself ‘in the stead of’ God’s sinful children**

Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

**D. Jesus died literally ‘in the place of’ a murderous thief named ‘son of the father’**

Mar 15:15 And *so* Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

Mar 15:28 ...And he was numbered with the transgressors.

## V. Your federal head '*in your stead*' is how God is satisfied and you are justified

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## VI. The eternal results of a justified people and a satisfied God

### A. Justified

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Rom 5:9 ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

### B. Reconciled

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved...

## VII. From Jesus '*in your place*' to you in His place

[Luk 23:43](#) And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.