

Paid In Full – Living in the Fullness of What Christ Purchased

What does it mean to live in the fullness of all that Jesus purchased for us on the Cross? How do we live in the resurrection power of the Cross?

There is a big difference between giving Jesus prominence and giving him preeminence

2 Guys at the race track

Colossians 1

Christ Is Supreme

¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹² always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Christ our Savior

1. He delivered us - he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness (v13)
2. He transferred us – he didn't deliver us to wonder aimlessly he transferred us into His own Kingdom
3. He has redeemed us
4. He forgives us

Christ our Creator

1. He existed before creation.

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.
He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

2. He Created Everything

¹⁶ for through him God created everything
in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see—
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen
world. Everything was created through him and for him.

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¹⁷ He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

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He is the Head of the Church

¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.
He is the beginning,
supreme over all who rise from the dead.
So he is first in everything.

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.

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He is our Peace

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²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his
enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now he
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²³ But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

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Paul's Work for the Church

²⁴ I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. ²⁵ God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. ²⁶ This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. ²⁷ For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

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Our Responsibility

²⁸ So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

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