



IDENTITY CRISIS: ALIVE IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:1-10

VSS. 1-3

If you are in Christ, “DEAD” is *who you used to be*.

Romans 6:1-14

Our deadness was displayed in:

Rebellion against God

Traveling the broad road (Matt. 7:13)

Taking orders from the Enemy of our souls



Carrying death's stench with us

Mindlessly gratifying the cravings of the 'flesh' (our sinful nature), with excuses like

“The heart wants what the heart wants”

“Eat, drink and be merry...”

Actively existing as an object of God's divine wrath



VS. 4-5

If you are in Christ, your carcass has been given life in Christ

How so?

God, rich in mercy, loves you like crazy.

Romans 5:6-11



If you are in Christ, you have been saved ...

BY God (through the blood of Christ)
FOR God ('for the praise of His glory')
FROM God (from His just wrath)



VS. 6-7

If you are in Christ, you are raised up with Him

If you are in Christ, you are seated with Him in glory

If you are in Christ, you are the 'recipient of the choicest bounties of heaven.'

All because of Jesus!

VSS. 8-9

If you are in Christ, you have no room to boast (Jer. 9:23-24). Your salvation was purely the result of grace

God's

Riches

At

Christ's

Expense



If you are in Christ, salvation was a “FREE” gift!
Free to you, that is...

How is something SO precious SO free?
Someone else picked up the tab.

See Isa. 53:5; Eph. 2:13

VS. 10

If you are in Christ, you are a Masterpiece, God's handiwork. A work of art

If you are in Christ, you've been created in Christ to do God-ordained good works.

As some have said,
“we are not saved THROUGH works,
but we are saved TO good works.”