



## BIBLE TALK

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Question: What does "*in Christ*" mean in Eph. 1:3?

Answer: Deliverance from the flood was a type of salvation which can be received today. Peter used the term "wherein" to describe the place of their deliverance. Primarily, it was a physical location where they had to place themselves to be saved (I Pet. 3:20). We are expected by God today to enter a physical relationship with Him to receive His spiritual blessings (Jn. 4:23-24).

Other references of things found "*in Christ*" are: redemption (Rom. 3:24), one becomes a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17), spiritual life is there (I Jn. 5:11-12), as well as reconciliation being found in Christ (2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 2:11-15). Where is "in Christ?"

Reconciliation and redemption are found *in one body*. Eph. 1:22-23, describes the body as being the church over which Christ has been appointed head (Col. 1:18, 24) of which He is the savior (Eph. 5:23). The saved are added to the church (Acts 2:47), it being the only place where man can be complete and "*in Christ*" (Col. 2:9-10). It is quite obvious then that the Lord saves those in Christ, or His church (I Thess. 5:9). The holy scriptures teach us that we are "*baptized into Christ*" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), or as is found in I Cor. 12:13, "*baptized into one body*", about which we have already spoken, being the church of the Lord. If we die "out of Christ" we remain oblivious to salvation and God cannot be glorified as He desires to be (Eph. 3:21).

A promising sister passage to this one is 2 Pet. 1:3 where we are told that, "*His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.*"

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