

MADENEW: STUDY GUIDE

The Beginning: In Christ Christ In Us

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

A. We are in Christ

1. In Gods Eternal Plan

"even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us." (Ephesians 1:4-5,11-12)

2. During His Walk on earth

"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

3. Today

- a) Dying and Raised. (Col 2:12-15)
- b) New life in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)
- c) All our actions can be done In Christ. (1 Cor 15:58)
- d) One in Christ. (John 17:21)

B. Christ is in Us

1. Crucified with Christ

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

- a) Real Dwelling of Christ in us; not just intellectual agreement with Him. (Rom 8:9-11, 2 Cor 13:5, Rev 3:20)
- b) How we overcome.
"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)
2. Shown by our Love for the needy.
 - a) *"And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matt 25:40)*
3. Shown by our obedience in the Spirit.
 - a) *"Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us." (1 John 3:24)*

C. Questions

1. What does it mean to be in Christ?
2. How does Christ in us translate to our daily lives?