

Christ in You

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Old Testament was for preparation and the New Testament was for fulfillment.
- B. The four Gospels are for the presentation of Jesus Christ.
- D. Christ is a mystery—the purpose of the epistles is to grasp this mystery.
 - 1. The first four epistles Romans through Galatians speak about “Christ in you”—the hope of glory.
 - 2. The next nine epistles Ephesians through Philemon speak about “you in Christ” in regards to the community of believers.
 - 3. The last five epistles Hebrews through Jude speaks about the method of life—how to walk by faith.

II. The three fundamental epistles.

- A. Romans.
- B. Ephesians.
- C. Hebrews.

III. The first of the fundamental groups: Romans-Galatians.

- A. Romans.
 - 1. Here, you find the great truths of salvation.
 - 2. Salvation is presented in past, present and future tenses.
 - a. Justification.
 - b. Sanctification.
 - c. Glorification.

B. I Corinthians.

- 1. It deals with the practical carnalities through spiritual realities.
- 2. The lack of spiritual fellowship causes carnality.

C. II Corinthians.

1. It is the practical exposition of victory under trial.
2. The theme of the letter is simply triumph in the midst of trial.

D. Galatians.

1. It is a red-hot needle by which Paul intends to awaken Christians.
2. Paul is angry and deeply disgusted with the Galatians because they are so easily led astray from the position of truth that they knew.
3. The theme of the letter is freedom in Christ. (Galatians 5:1)

E. All of this gathers around the theme “Christ in you.”

Application questions:

1. What are the major sections of the New Testament and the major themes associated with each according to the speaker?

2. How does each epistle of the first section display the theme “Christ in you?”

3. What does “Christ in you” mean and how does it show up in your personal life? Explain.
