

# **You in Christ**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians-Philemon.
- B. The Bible is aimed at the believer in order that he may be mature in Christ.
- C. The epistles explain Jesus Christ.
- D. Romans through Galatians set for Christ in a believer—the way by which the invisible God becomes visible through man and the secret to successful living.
- E. Ephesians through Philemon set forth the believer in Christ.
- F. We are not individually Christians only—we are corporately Christians as well.

## II. Ephesians.

- A. This book discusses the nature of the body of Christ.
- B. Believers have been made members of the household of God.
- C. The life of the body is made up of the unity of the Holy Spirit.

## III. Philippians.

- A. This book addresses the problems of the body.
- B. There is discouraging circumstances, the problem of divisive personalities, the problem of deceitful teachers, the threat of destructive ambitions, and the problem of distressing pressures.
- C. The theme is that Jesus Christ is adequate.

## IV. Colossians.

- A. This book addresses the makeup of the body.
- B. The focus here is the power of Jesus Christ.
- C. The answer is the life hid with Christ. (Colossians 3:3)

## V. I Thessalonians.

- A. This book addresses the future hope in Christ.
- B. Christ will come, and when He comes all the church will be with Him.

VI. II Thessalonians.

- A. This book focuses on the time of Jesus' coming.
- B. It looks forward to the future and the hope of His coming.

VII. I and II Timothy.

- A. This book focuses on the ministry of the body of Christ.
- B. There are specially set aside people who are gifted to equip the church. (Ephesians 4)
- C. The first letter focuses on problems that the church would face.
- D. The second leader addresses the problem of apostasy.

VIII. Titus.

- A. This focuses on the end of the body's ministry.
- B. The end of ministry is godliness.

IX. Philemon.

- A. This book emphasizes the unity of the body of Christ.
- B. Believers are all brothers together.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be "in Christ?"

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2. Which book listed above would you like to start reading next? Why?

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3. Spend about fifteen minutes in one of these books. What did you learn from your time in it?

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