Just a Thought

Where Am I?

“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:3 (ESV)

Where am I?

Usually, that question is answered by identifying a location. I am at home, at work, in the car, or somewhere unfamiliar trying to find my way.

Sometimes we answer it differently.

I am in trouble. I am in pain. I am in a difficult season. I am uncertain about what comes next.

Those answers describe circumstances. They may be entirely accurate. Yet for the Christian, there is another answer that reaches beneath every circumstance and addresses something far more enduring.

I am in Christ.

The New Testament uses that language repeatedly. Yet its familiarity can conceal how little attention we give it. We read the words, affirm them, and continue living as though we stand spiritually alone.

We measure our standing by yesterday’s failures, today’s feelings, or the strength of our religious performance.

Have I prayed enough? Have I been sincere enough? Have I done enough to believe that God will receive me?

Prayer, obedience, and faithfulness matter. But when we treat them as the means by which we establish our place before God, we have lost sight of where the believer already stands.

Paul writes that God “has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:3).

Notice where those blessings are found.

In Christ.

The believer does not stand outside, attempting to assemble enough goodness to gain admission. Through faith, he belongs to the Savior whose righteousness he could never produce and whose saving work he could never accomplish.

That changes how we understand the Christian life.

Obedience grows from belonging to Christ. It does not purchase that belonging. Prayer expresses our dependence upon God within a relationship His grace has established. Repentance brings us honestly before the One in whom forgiveness is found.

But we must not turn this assurance into an assumption everyone may claim without examination.

Paul also writes, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves” (2 Corinthians 13:5). He then asks whether they recognize that Jesus Christ is in them, unless they fail the test.

The question deserves an honest answer.

Church attendance, religious familiarity, family heritage, and moral respectability cannot establish that we are in Christ. We must examine whether our trust rests in Him and whether our profession is accompanied by the evidence of His work in our lives.

That examination is not a search for sinless performance. If perfection were the test, none of us could stand.

It is a searching consideration of whether we belong to the Christ we profess.

And for those who do, Scripture directs us toward a reality stronger than our fluctuating feelings.

“Your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

You may feel weak today. You may grieve a failure and need to confess it. You may face circumstances you cannot change and questions you cannot answer.

Bring those things to God. Take them seriously.

But do not allow them to become the entire answer to the question, “Where am I?”

Your circumstances describe what you are passing through. Union with Christ declares to whom you belong.

You are not left to make your own way into the Father’s favor. Your hope rests in His Son.

Before you measure today by your strength, your fears, or your unfinished duties, remember the relationship from which you are called to live.

Where am I?

If you belong to Jesus Christ, begin there.

I am in Christ.



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