

# Living for Christ

## Part 3 - Obeying & Trusting Christ

### Focus

To understand what it means to be "in Christ."

### Today's Tip

After today's verse is learned, have students say last weeks verse (Philippians 3:8) and this weeks verse together.

### Supplies Needed:

- White paper or poster board
- Pencils/Erasers
- Pens/Markers



### Welcome and Singing

- Welcome guests & take attendance.
- Ask questions about their week.
- Lead group in a chorus or two.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
- Announce subject of today's lesson.
- Hand out worksheets.



### Devotional

Today, we want to think about what it means to love and obey Christ. When we obey Christ, we do what He commands. A very important command for you is 'to obey your parents.' I'm sure you've heard this a thousand times, but because you live at home and are under their care, it is still very important for you.

Sometimes, you may think Mom and Dad are crazy when they tell you to do a certain thing, but you can't do something else. You still need to obey them because even if something is okay to do, most of the time, it is wrong for you to do it if your parents say you can't this time. Even if you don't understand all the reasons for their decision, you still need to obey. Your enemy, the devil, tries to convince you that it is not wrong, but don't listen to him!

Throughout your life, there will be things that you don't understand. Satan will do his best to confuse you about what is right or wrong. **Philippians 4** says that what we put into our minds determines what comes out in our words and actions. Watch what you are putting into your mind through television, books conversations, movies magazines and the internet. "Starve the old nature" by

replacing harmful input with wholesome material. If you read your Bible regularly and pray, it will strengthen you. Ask God to help you focus your mind on what is good and pure and for wisdom to choose the right friends. He will help you win the battle and will bless your life.



## Memory Verse

**and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — - Philippians 3:9**



## The Story/The Passage

### In Christ

In **John 15**, Jesus uses the phrase, “In me,” at least six times in six verses (v. 2-7). Paul uses the phrase “In Christ” thirty-four times, “In Christ Jesus” forty-eight times, and “In the Lord” fifty times. This adds up to a hundred thirty-two times that “in Christ” is referenced!

### What does it mean to be “In Christ?”

1. **It means relationship to Him.** We are in Christ when we have His life in us. When we have Jesus’ life in us, we share the life of all of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Read **Galatians 4:6**).
2. **It means faith in Him.** We are in Christ when we put our faith in Him; when we each receive Him into our life and share every part of it with Him.
3. **It means love for Him.** We are in Christ when we love Him. Because He loved us and gave Himself for us, we respond by loving Him who “first loved us” (**1 John 4:19**).
4. **It means obedience to Him.** We are in Christ when we want what He wants and make His goals our goals. This means that we want to keep His commands (obey Him). The person who obeys Christ’s commands is in Him (**1 John 3:24**).
5. **It means suffering with Him.** We are in Christ when we share His suffering, death, and resurrection. For Christ it meant physical suffering, death, and resurrection. For us it means dying to sin, rising to a new life, and suffering because we belong to Him and live for Him.



## Lesson Questions

Answer the following questions.

1. Why is it significant that the term "in Christ" (or its equivalent) is used many times in the New Testament? **Answers may vary but should be something similar to this: Because it is such an important concept.**

2. How many times is "in Christ" used? **132 times or 11 dozen.**

3. Write the five key words to remember about being "in Christ."

1. It means **relationship** to Him.

4. It means **obedience** to Him.

2. It means **faith** in Him.

5. It means **suffering** with Him.

3. It means **love** for Him.

**Spend a few minutes quietly memorizing these five concepts.**



## Activity

This is a drawing that illustrates being "In Christ."

Give each student a piece of white paper.

In the center of the paper, have them make a simple drawing of Christ in all His glory.

At the top of the paper, write in large black letters **BEING "IN CHRIST."**

Around the drawing of Christ, write the 5 points in our lesson today.

With a dark marker, draw arrows from each point toward Christ.