“AS HE IS, SO ARE WE” I John 4:17

1. “IN CHRIST”

By nature we are all “in Adam” I Cor. 15:22, Eph. 2:3, 12.

When born again we are put “in Christ” Rom. 12:5; Gal. 3:28.

In Christ we are:

New creatures in Him. II Cor. 5:17. Victorious in Him. II Cor. 2:14.

Without condemnation. Rom.8:1. Preserved in Him. Jude 1 and Eph. 1:3.

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME ACCEPTANCE AS HE.

He was joyfully received back to heaven.

Eph. 1:20 “set him at his own right hand.”

His acceptance by God is ours.

Eph. 1:6 “accepted in the Beloved.”

Heb. 6:20 “the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.”

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME EXALTED POSITION AS HE.

He is seated on the right hand of God.

Eph. 1:20-22 “far above all … head over all.” Heb. 1:3.

His position is ours. Eph. 2:6 “we sit together in heavenly places in Christ.”

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME CHARACTER (STANDING) AS HE.

He is the perfectly righteous one.

Heb. 7:26 “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners.”

His righteousness is ours; He is our righteousness.

II Cor. 5:21 “we … the righteousness of God in Him.”

I Cor. 1:30 “In Christ … made unto us … righteousness.”

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME RELATIONSHIP AS HE.

He is the eternal Son of God.

Matt. 3:17 “My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

His relationship is ours.

I John 3:1-2 “now are we the sons of God.”

Gal. 4:6 “ye are sons … the Spirit of His Son into…”

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME LIFE AS HE.

He lives in the power of an endless life.

Rom. 6:9 “Christ … dieth no more; death … no more dominion.”

His life is ours.

Rom. 6:11 “likewise … ye alive unto God through Christ.”

Gal. 2:20 “Christ liveth in me.” Col. 3:4 Christ our life.

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME POSSESSIONS AS HE.

He is the Maker and Owner of all creation.

Heb. 1:2 “Son … Heir of all things … made the worlds.”

His riches are ours.

Gal. 4:7 “thou art …an heir of God through Christ.”

Rom. 8:16-17 “joint heirs with Christ.” II Cor. 8:9.

1. IN CHRIST WE HAVE THE SAME FUTURE AS HE.

He is exalted, glorified and crowned.

Heb. 2:9 “crowned” Rev. 11:15 “Shall reign forever.”

His exalted position shall be ours.

John 17:22 “glory thou … gavest me I have given them.”