



I Belong Here!

Introduction

What are you doing here? I'm here because I belong here! Jesus said, I came to serve. Not to be served. In serving I am served.

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Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

⁴ Just as He chose us in Him before the foundations of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

Information

God who is the loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has [caused us to prosper] with every spiritual [the real us who is kin to God] to serve as his [instrument or organ] in Christ.

Illustration

Circles of life and thought

Inspiration

In Christ

Acts 24:24 Faith In Christ

Romans 3:24 Justification through Redemption

Romans 6:11 spiritually alive

Romans 6:23 eternal life

Romans 8:1 no condemnation

Romans 8:2 Spirit of life that frees us

Romans 12:5 one body (many of us have out-of-body experiences)

Romans 15:17 boast

Romans 16:3 worker

Romans 16:10 approved

1 Corinthians 1:2 sanctified



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Implementation

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

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Ephesians 1:3 How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ.

Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.