

Series Introduction: Our New Life in Christ

“Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

All who have turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus are Christians. If we are in Christ, we are new creations (2 Cor. 5:17)—those who “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Not everything is new, for pain, sin, and death remain in the world. But despite those challenges, *the ultimate power* of sin and death has been broken in our lives (Rom. 8:2): we are no longer enslaved to sin, and we will not experience “the second death” (eternal condemnation from God) (Rom. 6:6–7; Rev. 2:11). And God has set us free and empowered us to know, love, and obey him as outlined in his Word (Rom. 6).

The purpose of this series is to explain passages and doctrines that describe our new position in Christ and priorities as Christians. The first lesson focuses on *our blessings in Christ*, such as the truth that we have been forgiven of our sins (Eph. 1:7). The remaining lessons focus on *new priorities or trajectories for our lives*, such as centering our lives on Jesus above all earthly things (Col. 3:1–17).

This series focuses on the following *passages of Scripture* and *summaries of sound doctrine* (also called *sound teaching*):

Lesson	Primary Scripture Passages	Sound Doctrine
One	Ephesians 1:3–14	Our Blessings in Christ
Two	Mark 12:28–34	God-centered Living
Three	Colossians 3:1–17	Christ-centered Living
Four	Galatians 5:13–6:10	Spirit-directed Living
Five	Jesus’s Great Commission Passages	Mission-focused Living
Six	1 Corinthians 15:1–11	Gospel-focused Living