

In Christ Answer Key

Use this answer key to discuss the students' answers to the In Christ activity in their Student Guides.

As we look through this text, we can see 11 places where our salvation is related to what Christ has done. As we talked about last week, our salvation is accomplished in Christ—and this passage makes that abundantly clear.

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*, just as He chose us *in Him* before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons *by Jesus Christ* to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted *in the Beloved*.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed *in Himself*, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things *in Christ*, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in *Him*. *In Him* also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; *in whom* also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1. How does Paul connect the ideas of adoption and inheritance in this passage? *Having been predestined to adoption in Christ, we have obtained an inheritance in Christ.*
2. What is the goal of God in adopting us as His children according to this passage? *To the praise of His glory and grace, as the passage mentions three times.*
3. What is given to us to ensure our inheritance? *The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance.*