

Participating in Christ

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3. Christians share in Christ's death and resurrection
4. Christians share in Christ's nature
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6. Christians share in Christ's glory
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13. Christians share together in worship
14. Christians accept the responsibility towards others
15. Christians share with those who are in need
16. All Christians enjoy God's salvation

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Phil. 1: 1-2

1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 4

Philippians 2: 1-2

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A. Believers in Jesus Christ are joined through their faith.

B. By sharing in Christ's death, His resurrection, His nature, His sufferings and His glory, believers become part of His body.

C. Believers share in the fellowship, ministry and hope of God's people, which is anticipated by the OT and fulfilled in the church.

1. Believers are united with Christ

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

1. Believers are united with Christ

1 Corinthians 1:9

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 6:17

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Hebrews 3:14

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

2. Faith liberates Christians from participating in sin

Romans 5:15

15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

2. Faith liberates Christians from participating in sin

Galatians 5:24

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Colossians 2:11

11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

3. Christians share in Christ's death and resurrection

Romans 6:3–4

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

3. Christians share in Christ's death and resurrection

Galatians 2:20

20 **"I have been crucified with Christ;** and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

3. Christians share in Christ's death and resurrection

Colossians 2:12–13

12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, **having forgiven us all our transgressions**,

2 Timothy 2:11

11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, **we will also live with Him**;

4. Christians share in Christ's nature

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Colossians 3:10

10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

4. Christians share in Christ's nature

Philippians 2: 3-7

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

4. Christians share in Christ's nature

2 Peter 1:4

4 For by these He has granted to us **His precious and magnificent promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

5. Christians share in Christ's sufferings

2 Corinthians 1:5

5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

Philippians 3:10

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

5. Christians share in Christ's sufferings

1 Peter 4:13

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

6. Christians share in Christ's glory

John 17:22

22 “The glory which You have given Me !
have given to them, that they may be one,
just as We are one;

Romans 8:17

17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God
and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we
suffer with Him so that we may also be
glorified with Him.

6. Christians share in Christ's glory

Ephesians 2:6

6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

2 Thessalonians 2:14

14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:12

12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

7. Christians participate in Christ's body

Romans 12:5

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

8. Christians share in unity through Christ

Galatians 3:28

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:21–22

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

9. Christians share in God's work

2 Corinthians 6:1

1 And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—

Philippians 1:5

5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

10. Christians share in a source of life

Ephesians 4:16

16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Colossians 2:19

19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

11. Christians share in an inheritance

Galatians 3:29

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Colossians 1:12

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

12. Christians enjoy all spiritual blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1:3

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,**

Hebrews 6:4

4 For in the case of **those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift** and **have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,**

13. Christians share in together worship

1 Corinthians 14:26

26 What is the outcome then, brethren?

When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

14. Christians accept responsibility towards others

Galatians 6:1–2

1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

15. Christians share with those who are in need

Acts 4:32

32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

16. All Christians enjoy God's salvation

Galatians 3:8–9

8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

16. All Christians enjoy God's salvation

Ephesians 3:6

6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

Conclusion

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1. Believers are united in Christ
2. Faith liberates Christians from participating in sin
3. Christians enjoy many blessings in Christ