

## **D.N.A., Jesus in me (Part 2)**

### **“I Am New in Christ”**

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

**Introduction:** The purpose of DNA testing is of course to tell us who we are.

A person's DNA provides the basis of every aspect of a person's genetic make-up, including their ancestry.

So you can imagine when DNA testing provides shocking results you are not prepared for.

When we who are in Christ do a scriptural DNA test we too discover who we truly are!

The phrase to "be in Christ," means to be united to Christ by faith; or to be in him as the branch is in the vine. Being "in Christ" is both a complete transformation of me and a continual work God is doing to me. Being "in Christ" means "I am New in Christ! And as a believer and follower of Christ, this is who I truly am!

In order for us to understand the test results of our spiritual DNA – we must understand three things:

#### **I. What Christ has done for us: (v. 15)**

God has done something for us through Christ, to bring us into new life in Christ...

##### **A. Christ died for us so we might live – (v.15)**

- 1. Jesus willingly became incarnate and followed the path of obedience to the cross (Phil 2:6-8), (cf. 1 Tim 2:6; Heb 2:9; 1 John 2:2).*
- 2. By faith Paul identified with Jesus in His death and resurrection (Rom 6:3-4; Gal 2:20).*
- 3. This is the positive side of our identification with Christ: )*
- 4. The Apostle John put it this way – (1 John 3:5-6)*
- 5. We who are in Christ - not only died with Him, but we also were raised with Him that we might "walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).*

##### **B. Through Christ's death we have new life – (v. 17a)**

#### **II. What Christ has done in us: (v.17b)**

God has changed us and God is changing us!

(These are seven completed acts of God in you that will change your life forever – this is your DNA!)

##### **1. You are a new creation! (2 Cor 5:17)**

##### **2. You no longer live, it is Christ who is living in you. (Gal 2:20)**

##### **3. You have been raised with Christ (Col 3:1-3)**

##### **4. You are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19)**

##### **5. You are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)**

##### **6. You have been set free from sin (Rom 6:22)**

##### **7. You have been born again (1 Peter 1:23)**

#### **III. What Christ is doing to us: (v. 17c)**

Daily God desires that we know who we are so we will live out who we are in Christ! (Rom. 8:28, 29)

(Here are three ways knowing you are new in Christ will help you to live it daily.)

- 1. These truths are the roots to all spiritual growth in our Christian lives.**
- 2. These truths help me overcome discouragement**
- 3. These truths will help us overcome temptation.** (They will keep us from trying to go back)

**Conclusion:** Like the ladies who were shocked, or the fellow who finally felt complete or the guy who didn't want to admit it... our DNA tells us who we really are! And scripture is clear – My DNA, of Jesus in me tells me, I am new "in Christ!"