

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 34

Chapter 3, verse 12: Apprehended of Christ Jesus

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“That I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.”

Jesus Christ has laid hold upon each individual born-again believer. If you are saved, He has apprehended you so that you are now under his power and control. (Acts 12:3-4 gives an example of “apprehend”).

John 10:26-27 If you are a part of Jesus’ flock, you are in His hand. No one can pluck you out.

What Saved People Already Have in Jesus Christ

Righteousness in the eyes of the Lord (Numbers 23:21) **“I have not beheld iniquity in Jacob...”**

Rom 8:9-17 We have the Holy Spirit of God (**vs 9**)

We are righteous in God’s eyes (**vs 10**) because we have the Holy Spirit. We are not righteous in the eyes of men, but we press toward that mark.

We have the promise of resurrection (**vs 11**) because of our relationship to Christ.

We have an obligation (debt) to Christ. We owe Him our life (**vs 12**).

We have freedom from bondage and fear. We received the Spirit of adoption (**vs 15**).

- Jesus took me out of the bondage of sin and the power of the devil, and He apprehended me to keep me safe forever.

We have God as our Heavenly Father. We are children of God (**vs 16**).

We are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ (**vs 17**) because we are His Children.

Col 1:12-17 The Father made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light (**vs 12**).

We have already been delivered from the power of darkness...into the kingdom (**vs 13**).

As joint heirs, we have dominion over visible things, invisible things, thrones, principalities, and powers (**vs 16-17**).

Eph 1:3-12 We have spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (**vs 3**).

We are holy and without blame before God (**vs 4**) by the virtue and merits of Jesus Christ.

As an adopted child of God, we are accepted in the beloved. Jesus has accepted us (**5-6**)

We have redemption, forgiveness of sins, knowledge of God’s will, and an inheritance (**7-11**)

All of these things are ours when we stop trusting ourselves and put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ (**vs 12**).

2 Cor 5:17-21 All who are in Christ have become a new creature (**vs 17**).

We are reconciled to God and have the ministry of reconciliation (**vs 18**) using the word of reconciliation (**vs 19**) as ambassadors for Christ (**vs 20**).

Christ has been made sin for us so that we could be made the righteousness of God in Him (**vs 21**).

Col 2:6-9 We have completion in Christ (**vs 9**), Christ-likeness in thought, word, deed, and action.