

➤ *What explains me or describes me, does not define me, only God defines me.*

- Ephesians 1:1-14

FOUR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT WHO I AM IN.

1. I am a in Adam _____.

- 1 Corinthians 15:45, Genesis 3:1-5

➤ *I am in Adam from the very first moment I exist.*

*The consequences for [Adam and Eve] refusing to believe what God said about them [and their identity] were bitter.
~Steve Viars*

2. In Adam, I am _____ dead.

- 1 Corinthians 15:22, Romans 5:15-19, Ephesians 2:1-9

➤ *I come into the world spiritually dead because I am in Adam.*

3. I can be in Christ by _____.

- Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9-10

Who is Jesus?

What did Jesus do?

4. In Christ, I am spiritually _____.

Being “in Christ” is nothing less than being made alive. ... This is a total spiritual change. [As John A. Mackay said] “He becomes the soil in which they grow, the atmosphere which they breathe, the source and goal of their entire existence as men.” Being in Christ brings a radical reorientation — a movement from external righteousness to inward righteousness which radicalizes our conduct. ~ R. Kent Hughes

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17

“[I]n Christ” far outstrips the term “Christian” in describing Christianity. Aside from the fact that “Christian” is only used three times in the New Testament ... that title allows for an ambiguous interpretation. It can mean one who has a specific cultural affinity, or the “western tradition,” ... But “in Christ” invites no such abuse, because it demands reflection on a dynamic, living relationship. ~ R. Kent Hughes