

Preeminent in Christ
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“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” **Colossians 1:18-20 KJV**

“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” **II Corinthians 1:20 NKJV**

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” **Romans 5:1-2 NKJV**

We have and We stand is in permanent tense and never needs to be repeated.

Having been justified by faith in the past. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand in the now. Rejoice in hope of the glory of God in the future.

“Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.” **I John 4:17 NKJV**

“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,”
Colossians 2:13 NKJV

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”
Romans 5:10 NKJV

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.” **Hebrews 2:9 NKJV**

“He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” **Hebrews 9:26 NKJV**

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29 NKJV**

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” **Galatians 5:1 NKJV**

“To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” **Ephesians 1:6 NKJV**

Accepted is the Greek “Highly Favored” this word is only using two times in New Testament. The other time **Luke 1:28**.

“And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”” **Luke 1:28 NKJV**

The same favor that was on Mary is on you, because you are carrying Jesus now.

“Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” **Ephesians 2:5-6 NKJV**.

“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.” **Ephesians 1:7-10 NKJV**

“Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.” **Titus 3:7 NLT**

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”
Colossians 1:12-13 KJV

“And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” **Revelation 1:6 NKJV**

“And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” **Revelation 5:10 NKJV**