

1 Corinthians 1:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Analysis

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption (ex autou de hymeis este en Christō Iēsou, hos egenēthē sophia hēmin apo theou, dikaiosyne te kai hagiasmos kai apolytrōsis, ἐξ αὐτοῦ δὲ ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ὃς ἐγενήθη σοφία ἡμῖν ἀπὸ θεοῦ, δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ ἁγιασμός καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις)—**Of him** (ex autou, ἐξ αὐτοῦ, "from Him, out of Him") emphasizes that being **in Christ Jesus** is entirely God's doing. Union with Christ is the source of all spiritual blessings. Christ Himself **is made unto us** (egenēthē hēmin, ἐγενήθη ἡμῖν, "became for us")—not that Christ changes His nature but that He functions for believers as all we need.

Wisdom (sophia, σοφία)—Christ is God's true wisdom, solving the problem that philosophy couldn't. **Righteousness** (dikaiosyne, δικαιοσύνη)—Christ's righteousness is imputed to us, justifying us before God. **Sanctification** (hagiasmos, ἁγιασμός)—progressive transformation into holiness. **Redemption** (apolytrōsis, ἀπολύτρωσις)—liberation from slavery to sin, purchased by Christ's blood. Everything the Corinthians need is found in Christ alone, not in competing leaders or philosophies.

Historical Context

The Corinthians sought wisdom in eloquent teachers (Apollos), authority in apostolic credentials (Paul), and perhaps Jewish tradition (Cephas). Paul declares: Christ is all you need. He is the wisdom you crave, the righteousness you lack, the sanctification you pursue, and the redemption you require. Stop fragmenting over human leaders when you have everything in Christ.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does union with Christ provide everything we need for salvation and Christian life?
2. In what ways do we seek wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, or redemption outside of Christ?
3. How should recognizing Christ as our all-in-all eliminate factionalism and division in the church?

Interlinear Text

ἐξ	αὐτοῦ	δὲ	ὕμεῖς	ἐστε	ἐν	Χριστῷ	Ἰησοῦ	ὃς
of	him	But	ye	are	in	Christ	Jesus	who
G1537	G846	G1161	G5210	G2075	G1722	G5547	G2424	G3739
ἐγενήθη	ἡμῖν	σοφία	ἀπὸ	θεοῦ	δικαιοσύνη	τε	καὶ	
is made	unto us	wisdom	of	God	righteousness	G5037	and	
G1096	G2254	G4678	G575	G2316	G1343		G2532	
ἁγιασμός	καὶ	ἀπολύτρωσις						
sanctification	and	redemption						
G38	G2532	G629						

Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 1:7 (Redemption): In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Romans 8:1 (References Jesus): There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Philippians 3:9 (Righteousness): And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

1 Corinthians 1:2 (References Jesus): Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

Colossians 1:14 (Redemption): In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Ephesians 2:10 (Creation): For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (Righteousness): And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

John 14:6 (References Jesus): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jeremiah 33:16 (Righteousness): In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

Proverbs 2:6 (Parallel theme): For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.