

“Christ In Us: The Three Part Guarantee”

Growth Group Guide

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WELCOME *(Connecting with each other)*

Describe or define what a guarantee is and why it matters. God guarantees us a relationship with Him through Jesus; discuss the significance of this. Discuss how important it was to Jesus that we know the Father and have a relationship with Him just as Jesus did?

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER *(Connecting with God)*

Read the verses below. Praise God that in Christ we can know God, our wonderful Father, and his personal love for us.

John 14:7 (NIV) If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

Psalm 18:1-3 (MSG) I love you, GOD—you make me strong. GOD is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing knight. My God—the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the boulders, safe in the granite hideout. I sing to GOD, the Praise-Lofty, and find myself safe and saved.

Psalm 32:10b (EASY) But if anyone trusts in the LORD, they will know that God always loves them.

WORD *(Letting God speak to us)*

1. **Read John 14:5-14 (NIV).** What do you think are the most important themes in this passage?
2. Look at v8-9 again. Jesus tells Philip that he has been “showing” them the Father. Everything Jesus did was what he saw Father doing. Think about one or two of your favorite stories about Jesus in the Bible. Look at it with the eyes of the Father doing the work through Jesus. Does that change the story for you? If so, how?
3. **Read 1 John 4:13-16.** What do these verses say are the results or benefits of becoming a Christian?
4. Notice in these verses that Jesus, God and the Spirit are all involved in our lives, culminating with our knowing and believing God loves us and abiding (living) in his love. All of the Trinity working for us to be fully loved, and to fully live in love. What does this mean to you?
5. Sometimes we struggle to understand the idea, the reality, of God being in us and us being in Him. Simple everyday examples can help (ex. a saturated sponge in an ocean, a filled balloon surrounded by air). Do you have an example you can share?
6. Why did God so closely connect us to Himself? He knows that truly knowing and experiencing His love is what grows us. If our Christian experience seems stagnate, what basics might we refocus on?

7. **Read 1 John 5:11-12.** John lets us know that eternal life isn’t a thing, but it’s Jesus. Is this a new idea for you? How might this change our sharing the gospel with others?
8. **Read 1 John 5:20.** Here we see again that Jesus is eternal life, but we also see that he is true. Being genuine means he’s the source of truth. Why do you think John emphasizes this at the end of his letter?
9. J. Vernon McGee said, “Christianity is not a religion, it is a person, and that person is Jesus.” In what ways has Christianity moved from religion to relationship with Jesus through the Christ In Us, Together With Christ, and Us In Christ trilogy sermon series?

WALK *(Living out God’s purposes)*

- ✓ **One Big Idea:** The way we come to know God, experience His love, live in the truth, and gain eternal life is by being in Jesus. Being in Jesus was always the plan God had for us. It’s what makes life work and sane. And, He loves us with a strong, fierce love. A love that tells us the truth about us and lets us know God intimately as our life and source of love. This week you will have time to consolidate in your heart and mind the things you’ve been learning about your life IN Christ. Pray as you review the “Our Union With Christ: A Comprehensive Overview” handout. Do 3 things during your review time. 1) Highlight truths that were brand new to you. 2) Underline truths that God is growing you in right now. 3) Put stars next to the ones that meant the most to you over the last sermon series. Afterwards, you may want to shout for joy and praise God for His goodness! Wrap up your time in any way your heart desires: giving praise, praying over things still needing His tender guidance, etc. Don’t be afraid to ask God to solidify the things He’s teaching you or to give Him permission to keep growing you and setting your foundation firmly IN Him.
- ✓ **Pick 3!** In honor of The 3-Part Guarantee, pick three of your favorites from the treasury of truths in your handout to meditate on this week. Revel! Praise! Enjoy! Abide!

WORLD *(Embracing God’s heart for others)*

Good news from Boise Bible College! God has answered prayers for a new VP of Academics and the Resident Director. Dr. Kevin Jones will be the VP of Academics and his wife will be the new Resident Director. They arrived in August at the college campus and have hit the ground running! Boise Bible is “truly blessed to have this couple joining their team as they continue to equip servant leaders to advance the gospel worldwide.” Please continue to pray that the VP of Student Services position would be filled. Also, the fall semester is well underway and students have full schedules and a range of fun and required activities. Pray for them to know the strength and stamina of the Spirit in their lives each day, to have wisdom for their studies and relationships, and to have a deeply growing relationship with Jesus. (August Newsletter 2025)

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