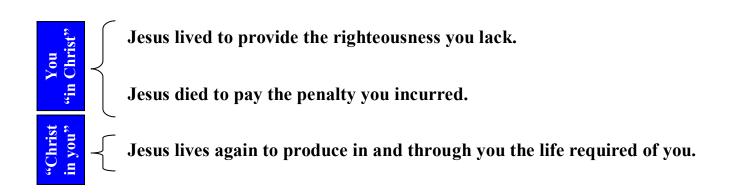
The Hope of the Gospel

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present *everyone* mature *in Christ*." (Colossians 1:27-28)

The hope of the Gospel might be summarized this way:



"To be *in Christ*—that is redemption; but for Christ to be *in you*—that is sanctification! To be *in Christ*—that makes you fit for heaven; but for Christ to be *in you*—that makes you fit for earth! To be *in Christ*—that changes your destination; but for Christ to be *in you*—that changes your destiny! The one makes heaven your home—the other makes this world His workshop."

—Major W. Ian Thomas (*The Saving Life of Christ*, p.20)