

Identity in Christ



What is True of Christ is True of You

Because you are a saint in Christ by God's calling, you share in Christ's inheritance. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:16,17). Every believer is identified with Christ:

- In His death (Romans 6:3,6; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:1-3).
- In His burial (Romans 6:4).
- In His resurrection (Romans 6:5,8,11).
- In His ascension (Ephesians 2:6).
- In His life (Romans 6:10,11).
- In His power (Ephesians 1:19,20).
- In His inheritance (Romans 8:16,17; Ephesians 1:11,12)

Who I Am in Christ

Every temptation is an attempt by the devil to get us to live our lives independently of God. Satan tempts us just as he did Jesus by appealing to our most basic and legitimate needs. The question is: Are these needs going to be met by the world, the flesh and the devil, or are they going to be met by God who promises to meet all our needs "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19)? The most critical needs are the "being" needs and they are the ones most wonderfully met in Christ.

I Am Accepted - I Belong

- I am God's child (John 1:12).
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15).
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1).
- I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with him (1 Corinthians 6:17).
- I have been bought with a price. I belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20).
- I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1).
- I have been adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5).
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18).
- I have been redeemed and forgiven all my sins (Colossians 1:14).
- I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10).

I Am Secure

- I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1-2).
- I am assured that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).
- I am free from an condemning charges against me (Romans 8:31-34).
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39).
- I have been established, anointed and sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).
- I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected (Philippians 1:6).
- I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20).
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3).
- I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7).
- I can find grace and mercy in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).
- I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).

I Am Significant - I am Valuable

- I am the salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14).
- I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1, 5).
- I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16).
- I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8).
- I am God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).
- I am God's co-worker (2 Corinthians 6:1; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:9).
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 2:6).
- I am God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10).
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12).
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

Who Am I?

The following list itemizes in first-person language who you really are in Christ. These are some of the scriptural traits that reflect who you became at spiritual birth. You can't earn them or buy them any more than a person born in the United States can earn or buy the rights and freedoms enjoyed as an American citizen. They are guaranteed to the person by the Constitution simply because he or she was born in the United States. Similarly, these traits are guaranteed to you by the Word of God simply because you were born into God's holy nation by faith in Christ.

- I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13).
- I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14).
- I am a child of God (John 1:12).
- I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1,5).
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15). I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16).
- I am a slave of righteousness (Rom. 6:18).
- I am enslaved to God (Rom. 6:22).
- I am a son of God; God is spiritually my Father (Rom. 8:14,15; Gal. 3:26; 4:6).
- I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Rom. 8:17).
- I am a temple—a dwelling place—of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in me (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
- I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17).
- I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30).
- I am a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).
- I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18,19).
- I am a son of God and one in Christ (Gal. 3:26,28).
- I am an heir of God since I am a son of God (Gal. 4:6,7).
- I am a saint (1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2).
- I am God's workmanship—His handiwork—born anew in Christ to do His work (Eph. 2:10).
- I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Eph. 2:19).
- I am a prisoner of Christ (Eph. 3:1; 4:1).
- I am righteous and holy (Eph. 4:24).
- I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Eph. 2:6; Phil. 3:20).
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).
- I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life (Col. 3:4).
- I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:4).
- I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thess. 5:5).
- I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1).
- I am a partaker of Christ; I share in His life (Heb. 3:14).
- I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5).
- I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1 Pet. 2:9,10).
- I am an alien and stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (1 Pet. 2:11).
- I am an enemy of the devil (1 Pet. 5:8).
- I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when He returns (1 John 3:1,2).
- I am born of God, and the evil one—the devil—cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).
- I am not the great "I am" (Exod. 3:14; John 8:24,28,58), but by the grace of God, I am what I am (1 Cor. 15:10).

Since I Am in Christ, By the Grace of God

The following list describes the effects of God's grace in your life and supplements the "Who Am I?" list. These statements further describe your identity in Christ. Read this list aloud to yourself repeatedly until it becomes a part of you. Pray through the list occasionally, asking God to cement these truths in your heart:

- I have been justified—completely forgiven and made righteous (Rom. 5:1).
- I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Rom. 6:1-6).
- I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
- I have been placed into Christ by God's doing (1 Cor. 1:30).
- I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God (1 Cor. 2:12).
- I have been given the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
- I have been bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19,20).
- I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing our inheritance to come (2 Cor. 1:21,22; Eph. 1:13,14).
- Since I have died, I no longer live for myself, but for Christ (2 Cor. 5:14,15).
- I have been made righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).
- I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living is Christ's life (Gal. 2:20).
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3).
- I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him (Eph. 1:4).
- I was predestined—determined by God—to be adopted as God's son (Eph. 1:5).
- I have been redeemed and forgiven, and I am a recipient of His lavish grace (Eph. 1:7,8).
- I have been made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5).
- I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven (Eph. 2:6).
- I have direct access to God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:18).
- I may approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12).
- I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13).
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. The debt against me has been canceled (Col. 1:14; 2:14).
- Christ Himself is in me (Col. 1:27).
- I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him (Col. 2:7).
- I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).
- I have been spiritually circumcised (Col. 2:11).
- I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ (Col. 2:12,13).
- I died with Christ and I have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life (Col. 3:1-4).
- I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline (2 Tim. 1:7).
- I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing (2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5).
- Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier, He is not ashamed to call me brother (Heb. 2:11).
- I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in time of need (Heb. 4:16).
- I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which I am a partaker of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).

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