

# Reclaim Our Identity

## How Do We Define Identity?

There are so many ways we define ourselves...

The way we define ourselves, exposes what we \_\_\_\_\_.

What we value becomes an \_\_\_\_\_ when we let ourselves be defined by it.

It's in this place of \_\_\_\_\_, where I learned the to be strong.

*2 Corinthians 12:9-10; My grace is sufficient for you , for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. “*

In \_\_\_\_\_ we find an identity that is LIFE-GIVING.

*2 Corinthians 7:9-10.... For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

## Who Does God Say We Are?

God's Word says IN CHRIST....

2 Corinthians 1:22; He has identified us as his own by placing His Holy Spirit in our hearts.”



## The Word of God Says in Jesus Christ...

Resource: <http://www.persevering.org/perceiv.html>

- I am faithful (Ephesians 1:1)
- I am God's child (John 1:12)
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
- I belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- I am assured all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)
- I have been established, anointed and sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
- I am confident that God will perfect the work He has begun in me (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-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)
- I am blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- I am chosen before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 11)
- I am holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4)
- I am adopted as his child (Ephesians 1:5)
- I am given God's glorious grace lavishly and without restriction (Ephesians 1:5,8)
- I am in Him (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
- I have redemption (Ephesians 1:8)
- I am forgiven (Ephesians 1:8; Colossians 1:14)
- I have purpose (Ephesians 1:9 & 3:11)
- I have hope (Ephesians 1:12)
- I am included (Ephesians 1:13)
- I am sealed with the promised Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13)
- I am a saint (Ephesians 1:18)
- I am salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-14)
- I have been chosen and God desires me to bear fruit (John 15:1,5)
- I am a personal witness of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)
- I am God's coworker (2 Corinthians 6:1)
- I am a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)
- I am alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5)
- I am raised up with Christ (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12)
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6)
- I have been shown the incomparable riches of God's grace (Ephesians 2:7)
- God has expressed His kindness to me (Ephesians 2:7)
- I am God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- I have been brought near to God through Christ's blood (Ephesians 2:13)
- I have peace (Ephesians 2:14)
- I have access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
- I am a member of God's household (Ephesians 2:19)
- I am secure (Ephesians 2:20)
- I am a holy temple (Ephesians 2:21; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
- I am a dwelling for the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:22)
- I share in the promise of Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:6)
- God's power works through me (Ephesians 3:7)
- I can approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
- I know there is a purpose for my sufferings (Ephesians 3:13)
- I can grasp how wide, long, high and deep Christ's love is (Ephesians 3:18)
- I am completed by God (Ephesians 3:19)
- I can bring glory to God (Ephesians 3:21)

- I have been called (Ephesians 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:9)
- I can be humble, gentle, patient and lovingly tolerant of others (Ephesians 4:2)
- I can mature spiritually (Ephesians 4:15)
- I can be certain of God's truths and the lifestyle which He has called me to (Ephesians 4:17)
- I can have a new attitude and a new lifestyle (Ephesians 4:21-32)
- I can be kind and compassionate to others (Ephesians 4:32)
- I can forgive others (Ephesians 4:32)
- I am a light to others, and can exhibit goodness, righteousness and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9)
- I can understand what God's will is (Ephesians 5:17)
- I can give thanks for everything (Ephesians 5:20)
- I don't have to always have my own agenda (Ephesians 5:21)
- I can honor God through marriage (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- I can parent my children with composure (Ephesians 6:4)
- I can be strong (Ephesians 6:10)
- I have God's power (Ephesians 6:10)
- I can stand firm in the day of evil (Ephesians 6:13)
- I am dead to sin (Romans 1:12)
- I am not alone (Hebrews 13:5)
- I am growing (Colossians 2:7)
- I am His disciple (John 13:15)
- I am prayed for by Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23)
- I am united with other believers (John 17:20-23)
- I am not in want (Philippians 4:19)
- I possess the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- I am promised eternal life (John 6:47)
- I am promised a full life (John 10:10)
- I am victorious (1 John 5:4)
- My heart and mind is protected with God's peace (Philippians 4:7)
- I am chosen and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12)
- I am blameless (1 Corinthians 1:8)
- I am set free (Romans 8:2; John 8:32)
- I am crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
- I am a light in the world (Matthew 5:14)
- I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
- I am the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- I am safe (1 John 5:18)
- I am part of God's kingdom (Revelation 1:6)
- I am healed from sin (1 Peter 2:24)
- I am no longer condemned (Romans 8:1, 2)
- I am not helpless (Philippians 4:13)
- I am overcoming (1 John 4:4)
- I am persevering (Philippians 3:14)
- I am protected (John 10:28)
- I am born again (1 Peter 1:23)
- I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I am delivered (Colossians 1:13)
- I am redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
- I am qualified to share in His inheritance (Colossians 1:12)
- I am victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57)

# Embrace Your Identity In Christ

BY RICK WARREN — MAY 21, 2014

“He has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts.” (2 Corinthians 1:22a NLT)

Your faith will grow stronger as you focus on your identity in Christ (Galatians 2).

What this means is that you abandon any image of yourself that is not from God. You stop accepting what others have said about you, how others have labeled you, and how others have defined you.

You start believing what God says about you, that he is pleased with how he created you, and that God defines you.

You're not defined by your feelings. You're not defined by the opinions of others or by your circumstances. You're not defined by your successes or failures. You're not defined by the car you drive, the money you make, or the house you say you own when the bank really does.

You are defined by God and God alone. He identifies you as his own (2 Corinthians 1:22).

The thing is, if you don't know who you are, then you're vulnerable to other people telling you who you are. But the concrete, solid, gospel truth is that you are who God says you are, and no one else has a vote in the matter.

This “identity issue” is an important part of living the abundant life. Jesus was able to face the incredible demands of his mission because he knew exactly who he was. He knew that he mattered to God, and that gave him confidence to move purposefully in faith.

You are now identified with Christ and have the power of the Holy Spirit within you. You are God's precious child, and he created you in a way that pleases him.

*<http://rickwarren.org/devotional/english/embrace-your-identity-in-christ>*

# The Stupendous Reality of Being “in Christ Jesus”

BY JOHN PIPER – JANUARY 25, 2012

Being “in Christ Jesus” is a stupendous reality. It is breathtaking what it means to be in Christ. United to Christ. Bound to Christ. If you are “in Christ” listen to what it means for you:

1. In Christ Jesus you were given grace before the world was created. 2 Timothy 1:9, “He gave us grace *in Christ Jesus* before the ages began.”
2. In Christ Jesus you were chosen by God before creation. Ephesians 1:4, “God chose us *in Christ* before the foundation of the world.”
3. In Christ Jesus you are loved by God with an inseparable love. Romans 8:38–39, “I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God *in Christ Jesus our Lord*.”
4. In Christ Jesus you were redeemed and forgiven for all your sins. Ephesians 1:7, “*In Christ* we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.”
5. In Christ Jesus you are justified before God and the righteousness of God in Christ is imputed to you. 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that *in him* we might become the righteousness of God.”
6. In Christ Jesus you have become a new creation and a son of God. 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is *in Christ*, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” Galatians 3:26, “*In Christ* Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”
7. In Christ Jesus you have been seated in the heavenly places even while he lived on earth. Ephesians 2:6, “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places *in Christ Jesus*.”
8. In Christ Jesus all the promises of God are Yes for you. 2 Corinthians 1:20, “All the promises of God find their Yes *in Christ*.”

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-stupendous-reality-of-being-in-christ-jesus>

9. In Christ Jesus you are being sanctified and made holy. 1 Corinthians 1:2, “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified *in Christ Jesus*.”
10. In Christ Jesus everything you really needed will be supplied. Philippians 4:19, “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory *in Christ Jesus*.”
11. In Christ Jesus the peace of God will guard your heart and mind. Philippians 4:7, “The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds *in Christ Jesus*.”
12. In Christ Jesus you have eternal life. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life *in Christ Jesus our Lord*.”
13. And in Christ Jesus you will be raised from the dead at the coming of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:22, “For as in Adam all die, so also *in Christ* shall all be made alive.” All those united to Adam in the first humanity die. All those united to Christ in the new humanity rise to live again

How do we get into Christ?

At the unconscious and decisive level it is God’s sovereign work: “From God are you in Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

But at the conscious level of our own action, it is through faith. Christ dwells in our hearts “through faith” (Ephesians 3:17). The life we live in union with his death and life “we live by faith in the Son of God” (Galatians 2:20). We are united in his death and resurrection “through faith” (Colossians 2:12).

This is a wonderful truth. Union with Christ is the ground of everlasting joy, and it is free.

# TRUTH & LIES

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| NO ONE LOVES ME.                            | <b>"GOD SHOWED HOW MUCH HE LOVED US BY SENDING HIS ONE AND ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH HIM." 1 JOHN 4:9</b>  |
| I AM ALL ALONE.                             | <b>"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OR TERRIFIED BECAUSE OF THEM, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU." DEUTERONOMY 31:6</b>                  |
| IT ONLY MATTERS WHAT I LOOK LIKE.           | <b>"THE LORD DOESN'T SEE THINGS THE WAY YOU SEE THEM. PEOPLE JUDGE BY THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART." 1 SAMUEL 16:7</b>   |
| NO ONE UNDERSTANDS ME.                      | <b>"THIS HIGH PRIEST OF OURS UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESSES, FOR HE FACED ALL OF THE SAME TESTINGS WE DO, YET HE DID NOT SIN." HEBREWS 4:15</b>   |
| I CANNOT BE FORGIVEN.                       | <b>"WE'RE HERE TO PROCLAIM THAT THROUGH JESUS THERE IS FORGIVENESS FOR YOUR SINS." ACTS 13:38</b>   |
| GOD'S LOVE WILL RUN OUT.                    | <b>"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! HIS FAITHFUL LOVE ENDURES FOREVER." 1 CHRONICLES 16:34</b>   |
| GOD ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF ME. | <b>"TELL EVERYONE ABOUT GOD'S POWER. HIS MAJESTY SHINES DOWN ON ISRAEL. HIS STRENGTH IS MIGHTY IN THE HEAVENS." PSALM 68:34</b>   |
| IT'S TOO HARD FOR ME.                       | <b>"I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH CHRIST, WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH." PHILIPPIANS 4:13</b>  |
| THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET TO GOD.          | <b>"JESUS TOLD HIM, 'I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.'" JOHN 14:6</b>  |
| DO WHAT YOU WANT BUT SAY THE RIGHT THING.   | <b>"DEAR CHILDREN, LET'S NOT MERELY SAY THAT WE LOVE EACH OTHER; LET US SHOW THE TRUTH BY OUR ACTIONS." 1 JOHN 3:18</b>   |
| I CANNOT TRUST ANYONE.                      | <b>"FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD HOLDS TRUE, AND WE CAN TRUST EVERYTHING HE DOES." PSALM 33:4</b>   |
| I'M TOO YOUNG TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.         | <b>"DON'T LET ANYONE THINK LESS OF YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG. BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL BELIEVERS IN WHAT YOU SAY, IN THE WAY YOU LIVE, IN YOUR LOVE, YOUR FAITH, AND YOUR PURITY." 1 TIMOTHY 4:12</b> |
| IF I HAD MORE MONEY I'D BE HAPPY.           | <b>"THOSE WHO LOVE MONEY WILL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH. HOW MEANINGLESS TO THINK THAT WEALTH BRINGS TRUE HAPPINESS!" ECCLESIASTES 5:10</b>   |
| SOMETHING CAN TAKE GOD'S LOVE AWAY FROM ME. | <b>"AND I AM CONVINCED THAT NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE." ROMANS 8:38A</b>   |
| GOD DOES THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR US.   | <b>"AND WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES EVERYTHING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE FOR THEM." ROMANS 8:28</b>                                 |



# LIES I BELIEVE

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