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See Yourself for Who You Really Are

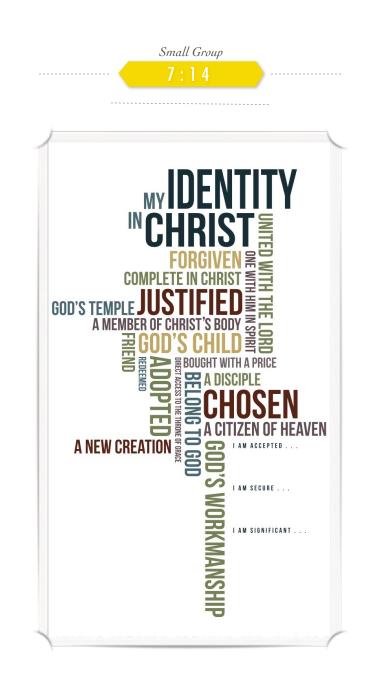
You are a child of God, you are created in His image, you have been justified and positionally declared righteous by Him because of Christ's finished work and your faith in Him. As long as you believe that and walk accordingly, your daily experiences or practical Christianity will result in growth. You will struggle, though, if you question the finished work of Christ, and try to become somebody you already are.

We don't serve God to gain His acceptance; we are accepted, so we serve God. We don't follow him to be loved; we are loved, so we follow him. It is not what we do that determines who we are; it is who we are that determines what we do. "Beloved, now we are children of God" (1 John 3:2, emphasis added). That is why you are called to live by faith (see Rom. 1:16,17).

To live the victorious Christian life you have to believe what is already true about you. Will you have opposition to believing this truth? Of course! The father of lies (see John 8:44) has deceived the whole world (see Rev. 12:19), and he accuses the brethren day and night (see 12:10). If that isn't enough, others will put you down. We have to keep reminding ourselves of this positional truths.

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.

From Neil T. Anderson, Victory Over The Darkness



Who I am in Christ

"Understanding your identity in Christ is absolutely essential to your success at living the victorious Christian life!"

I am Accepted ...

John 1:12 I am God's Child.

John 15:15 I am Christ's Friend.

Romans 5:1 I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord (one spirit). 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I am bought with a price; I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's Body. Ephesians 1:1 I am a saint.

Ephesians 1:5 I have been adopted as God's child. Ephesians 2:18 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven. Colossians 2:10 I am complete in Christ.

I am Secure ...

Romans 8:1-2 I am free forever from condemnation. Romans 8:28 I am assured all works together for good. Romans 8:31-34 I am free from any charge against me. Romans 8:35-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I am established, anointed, sealed by God.

Colossians 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 I am confident that the good work God has

begun in me will be perfected.

Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Hebrews 4:16 I can find grace and mercy in time of need. 1 John 5:18 I am born of God; the evil one cannot touch me.

I am Significant ...

Matthew 5:13-14 I am the salt and light of the earth. John 15:1,5 I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.

John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

Acts 1:8 I am a personal witness of Christ's.

1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

2 Corinthians 6:1 I am God's co-worker (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

"The more you reaffirm who you are in Christ, the more your behavior will begin to reflect your true identity!"

From "Victory Over the Darkness" by Dr. Neil Anderson.

Since I am in Christ, by the grace of God...

This 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 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. 1:17)

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**) I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him (**Col. 2:7**)

I have been spiritually circumcised. My old unregenerate nature has been removed (Col. 2:11)

I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10) 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 selfdiscipline (2 Tim. 1:7)

I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing (2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5)

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 Peter 1:4)

From Neil T. Anderson, The Bondage Breaker