

My Identity In Christ

Identity: Making A Positive ID #6-7

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He thought it was better to suffer for the Christ than to have all the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking for God's reward.

Hebrews 11:26 (NCV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

The five fingerprints of my true identity...



1 Because I am in Christ, I am completely accepted. (v.9)

You have been chosen by God himself... **1 Peter 2:9 (TLB)**

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love. **Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)**

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7 (CEV)



2 Because I am in Christ, I am extremely valuable. (v.9)

You are a holy nation, people who belong to God...

1 Peter 2:9 (ERV)

- Holy is more about selection than perfection.

You are precious to me... That's why I am willing to trade others, to give up whole nations, to save your life. **Isaiah 43:4 (ERV)**

You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him...

1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)



3 Because I am in Christ, I am eternally loved. (v.10)

Once you were nobody, now you are God's people...

1 Peter 2:10 (CEV)

Jesus, who makes people holy, and all those who are made holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 2:11 (GW)

I have always loved you, so I continue to show you my constant love.

Jeremiah 31:3 (GNT)

- God's love is unconditional and unending.



4 Because I am in Christ, I am totally forgiven. (v.10)

...once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10 (ESV)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. **Isaiah 43:25 (GNT)**

In Christ we are set free by the blood of his death, and so we have forgiveness of sins. How rich is God's grace. **Ephesians 1:7 (NCV)**



5 Because I am in Christ, I am fully capable. (v.9)

But you are a chosen people, royal priests, ... You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 (NCV)

There is nothing in us that allows us to claim that we are capable of doing this work. The capacity we have comes from God; ⁶ it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (GNT)