

MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Part 9 of THE GOSPEL WAY

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Be gracious to us, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out our rebellion. Completely wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sin.

Lord, we pray with such boldness because you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to die as the atoning sacrifice for sins. By his shed blood, you reconciled us, forgave us, and cleansed our guilt. Thank you, Lord, for this precious gift. Amen.

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1. My Everyday Labels

On the sticky note you were given, write ONE word people might use to describe you (good or bad). The word is _____

That word is a “label.”

But tonight you’ll see: your most important identity is who you are in Christ, not your labels.

2. What Does God Say About Who I Am?

We can easily perceive ourselves as rejected, unloved, or shameful, but the truth is much different.

The following Bible verses describe every follower of Jesus. These statements are TRUE of you all the time, even when you don’t feel it.

They are based on what God says about you and what Jesus has done for you, not on our actions, feelings, or what anyone else says.

I am:

- I am God’s child (see John 1:12)
- I am Christ’s friend (see John 15:15)
- I have been justified (made right with God) (see Romans 5:1)
- I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him (see 1 Corinthians 6:17)

- I have been bought with a price: I belong to God. (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- I am a member of Christ's Body (see 1 Corinthians 12:27)
- I am a saint, a holy one (see Ephesians 1:1)
- I have been adopted as God's child (see Ephesians 1:5)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 2:18)
- I have been forgiven of all my sins (see Colossians 1:14)
- I am complete in Christ (see Colossians 2:10)

I renounce:

Because the pressure to believe lies about ourselves can be very great, we must stand firm on the word of God and renounce every lie that suggests we are guilty, unprotected, alone, or abandoned. We must declare, "In Christ, I am secure."

God says that:

- I am free from condemnation (see Romans 8:1-2)
- I am assured that all things work together for good (see Romans 8:28)
- I am free from all condemning charges against me (see Romans 8:31-34)
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (see Romans 8:35-39)

- I have been established, anointed and sealed by God (see 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
- I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected (see Philippians 1:6)
- I am a citizen of heaven (see Philippians 3:20)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (see Colossians 3:3)
- I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control (see 2 Timothy 1:7)
- I can find grace and mercy to help in times of need (see Hebrews 4:16)
- I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me (see 1 John 5:18)

3. Trading Old Labels for New Truth

Look back at the label you wrote at the start. Is that label true of who you are in Christ? Or does God give you a better, stronger identity?

- Take off and tear up your old label (it no longer defines you).
- Write one “In Christ I am...” statement on a new sticky note.
- Put it somewhere you’ll see it this week (mirror, locker, notebook).

My new sticky note says: “In Christ, I am _____”

One place I most need to remember my identity in Christ: school, home online, sports/activities, other: _____