



MY IDENTITY

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

"I am an image-bearer."

So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
GENESIS 1:27

"I am clean."

I was filthy before God in my sin... but He cleansed me by the blood of Jesus

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. **HEBREWS 9:22**

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. **HEBREWS 12:2**

My sin and shame were chained together – Jesus took them both! He took all our sin, and therefore all our shame because of sin.

"I am clothed."

I was naked and exposed before God... but He clothed me in the righteousness of Christ

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. **HEBREWS 10:4**

Why?

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **ISAIAH 61:10**

"I am loved"

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." **JOHN 15:9**

"I am chosen"

*Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **EPHESIANS 1:4***

"I am new."

The old me is dead. The new me is alive.

*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **ROMANS 6:6***

*So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **ROMANS 6:11***

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, [b] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17***

"I am God's workmanship."

I was filthy before God in my sin... but He cleansed me by the blood of Jesus

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **EPHESIANS 2:10***

"I am adopted. I am a child of God."

*He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will. **EPHESIANS 1:5***

"I am part of Christ's body."

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. **1 CORINTHIANS 12:27***

"I am part of Christ's bride."

*Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. **REVELATION 19:7-8***

"I am a co-heir."

*And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **ROMANS 8:17***

Why?

*so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **EPHESIANS 2:7***

"I am royalty."

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. **1 PETER 2:9a***

*They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever **REVELATION 22:4-5***

*The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne **REVELATION 3:21***

"I am immortal."

*And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. **ROMANS 8:30***

"I am united to Christ."

*But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. **1 CORINTHIANS 6:17***

I am united to the One who has matchless worth and honour!

"I am holy."

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. **1 PETER 2:9***

It's not about me having some kind of "worth" of my own, it's about being united to the One who has all worth and being made holy!

"I am dependant."

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing **JOHN 15:5***

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10***

In Christ...

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- I am chosen
- I am new
- I am God's workmanship
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- I am part of God's bride
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In Christ...

- I am not an outcast
- I am not unacceptable
- I am not a loser
- I am not worthless
- I am not ugly
- I am not disgusting
- I am not repulsive

KNOW WHO OTHERS ARE

People are image-bearers.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. GENESIS 1:27

People are sinful.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ROMANS 3:23

People are worshippers.

Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ROMANS 1:24–25

People are sufferers.

But man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. JOB 5:7

People are in desperate need of Christ.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 PETER 3:9

People are in desperate need of grace.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." LUKE 23:34

People are driven by motives – and we can't see them!

"Judge not, that you be not judged." JOHN 7:1