

Who You are Because of Jesus

Who am I? = Identity = Self Worth

The world's system of Identity

Identity = Performance (what you do) + Others' Opinions (what others think or say about you)

This is my Performance identity

It is the identity I earn in the eyes of others

Includes my **resume** – what I can do and what I have accomplished

and my **reputation** – what others think of me

God's system of Identity

Identity = What God says is true about me

This is my Given Identity (Freely given Identity)

I could call it my Grace Identity

Or my Gospel Identity

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...

WHO I AM BECAUSE OF JESUS

(Adapted from "Living Free in Christ" by Dr. Neil Anderson)

I AM ACCEPTED...

John 1:12 I am God's child.

John 15:15 I am Christ's friend.

Rom. 5:1 I have been justified.

Rom. 8:15-16 I have been adopted into God's family.

1 Cor. 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.

1 Cor 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.

Eph. 1:1 I am a saint.

Eph. 2:18 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Col. 1:20 I am at peace with God.

Col. 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Col. 2:10 I am complete in Christ.

Heb. 2:11 Jesus is not ashamed to call me His brother/sister.

I AM SECURE...

John 6:37 Jesus will never drive me away.

Rom. 8:1-2 I am free forever from condemnation.

Rom. 8:28 I am assured that all things work together for good.

Rom. 8:31-32 I am free from any condemning charges against me.

Rom. 8:35-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Cor. 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.

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

Phil. 1:6 I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected.

Phil. 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.

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

Heb. 4:16 I can find grace and mercy in time of need.

Heb. 13:5 God will never leave me or forsake me.

1 John 5:18 I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I AM SIGNIFICANT...

Matt. 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 Cor. 3:16 I am God's temple.

1 Cor. 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body. With an important part to play.

2 Cor. 5:17-18 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

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

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

Eph. 2:10 I am God's workmanship, created to do good works that He prepared.

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

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

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 8:15-16 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people [saints] in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Colossians 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 2:10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Hebrews 2:11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

John 6:37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:31-32 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

1 John 5:18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Matthew 5:13-14 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

John 15:1,5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

2 Corinthians 6:1 As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 3:12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength

**Turning towards God to find my identity
(and away from my deeply ingrained identity I have acquired from the world):**

I become aware of my beliefs and lenses.

(I notice where I have a knee jerk reaction to something or a negative feeling).

I am honest and open with my current interpretations and beliefs and where they came from.

(In honesty I admit: This is actually what feels true_____, because of this_____).

I am willing to let go of my beliefs and turn towards God's perspective.

(I am willing to open my hands, and disown what I have held to be true).

I receive God's love and truth to transform my interpretations, narratives, and beliefs.

(I trust the voice of God, clinging to what He says above any other truth).