



**Title: Personal Revival: Identity.**

**Scripture: Various**

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**Bible Version: NKJV**

**BOTTOM LINE: Never forget that you have an identity, and that identity is in Christ Jesus.**

**Five things to remember concerning your identity:**

**1. You Are Chosen**

**1 Peter 2**

**Vs. 6**

**A chief cornerstone, elect, precious** - Peter describes Jesus as a chief cornerstone and precious. Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

**As believers, Jesus forms the foundation of our faith.**

**Vs. 7**

**To you who believe, He is precious** - Those who believe in Jesus see Him as precious. He is the chief cornerstone.

**Vs. 8**

**A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense** - For those who do not believe in Jesus, they see Him as a stumbling rock and a rock of offense.

**Vs. 9**

**You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood...**- Peter refers to those who have their identity in Jesus as a chosen generation. We are a group that has been set apart.

**You have been called out of darkness and into the light.**

*God's purpose is for believers to proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. - D.L. Moody*

**We can't proclaim His excellencies by pretending that we are something other than a Christ follower.**

**When life is hard, remember that you have been chosen.**

**2. You Are Forgiven.**

**Col. 3:12-13**

**Even as Christ forgave you, - As believers, we have been forgiven.**

**so you also must do-** Every time we forgive others it should remind us of the forgiveness that we have in and through Christ Jesus.

**Forgiveness through Christ is something all believers share in common.**

**3. You Are A New Creation.**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

**If anyone is in Christ** - Anyone in the original language means whoever or whatever. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

**He is a new creation** - Paul speaks of the doctrine of regeneration. We are made new. This does not mean we are perfect. We are all a work in progress. We are in the process of being changed.

**You are one decision away from being a new creation in Christ Jesus.**

*It doesn't matter what class, what race, what nationality, what language, or what level of intelligence...- David Guzik*

**Being made new is something that only God alone can do.**

**Your decision for Christ Jesus can not only change you, but can change the trajectory of your family for generations to come.**

**Old things have passed away** - Paul is stating that when we profess to have faith in Jesus Christ, the old things are gone. They are dead.

**All things have become new** - It is worth noting that we are not repaired or mended. We are new.

**God wants to do a new thing in your life, and it starts the moment we come into a relationship with Christ Jesus.**

*For he that is in Christ, that is, a genuine Christian, having Christ dwelling in his heart by faith, is a new creature; his old state is changed: he was a child of Satan, he is now a child of God; he was a slave of sin, and his works were death; he is now made free from sin, and has his fruit not holiness, and the end everlasting life.- Clarke*

**Your identity should not be in your old self. It should be in Christ because you are a new creation.**

#### **4. You Are Adopted.**

**Eph. 2:19**

**You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God-** Paul reminds the Gentiles that they are no longer strangers or second class citizens, but rather fellow citizens. We belong to the household of God, through Christ Jesus.

**You are known and loved by our Heavenly Father.**

**As a follower of Christ, you have been adopted. We are sons and daughters of the creator of the universe.**

#### **5. You Are Loved.**

**1 John 3:1**

**Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us-** God has bestowed a love upon you and I as believers.

**That we should be called children of God-** The Father's love for you and I is so great, that we should be called children of God.

**If you are a Christian, you have a perfect Heavenly Father who loves you...- Tony Evans**

**The Bible is capable of changing your perspective on who you are.**

**Three Ways You Can Walk Confidently In Your Identity In Christ**

- 1. Read the Word.**
- 2. Own your faith.**
- 3. Let your relationship with Christ settle your heart.**



# 3D Guide

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



## DISCUSS.

1. What are your thoughts on the topics presented in this block of scripture?
2. What are things that prevent/inhibit us from pursuing our indents if Christ?
3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your daily life?

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.