

MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

❖ You were FORMED by God's own hands.

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

1. God created us to be His PEOPLE.

"Once you were not a people; now you are the people of God. Once you received none of God's mercy; now you have received his mercy."

1 Peter 2:10 (NLT)

2. God created you with a PURPOSE in mind.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

3. God created you to have a forever PLACE with Him.

"Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. ² There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

John 14:1-3 (NLT)

❖ You are FORGIVEN from sin.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

1. We are SAVED from the PENALTY of sin.

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:22 (NIV)

2. We are being SAVED from the POWER of sin.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...

Romans 6:6 (NIV)

3. We will be SAVED from the PRESENCE of sin.

You should look forward to that day and hurry it along—the day when God will set the heavens on fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. ¹³ But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth He has promised, a world where everyone is right with God.

2 Peter 3:12-13 (NLT)

- ❖ You become FAMILY with all of the rights and privileges that come with it.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.

Galatians 4:4-7 (NLT)

1. You have been ADOPTED into the family of God.

... so that He could adopt us as his very own children.

Galatians 4:5 (NLT)

2. You have been SEALED with the Spirit of God.

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father.

Galatians 4:6 (NLT)

3. You will be REWARDED with the inheritance of God.

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.

Galatians 4:7 (NLT)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, ³⁹ nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)