

Rooted In My Identity In Christ

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Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT) *“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”*

1. SIN HAS DONE A NUMBER ON OUR BODIES.
2. SIN HAS DONE A NUMBER ON US PSYCHOLOGICALLY.
3. SIN HAS DONE A NUMBER ON US SPIRITUALLY.

A. "WHOLENESS IS A PROCESS THAT BEGINS WITH GOD."

I. OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST IS RECEIVED NOT ACHIEVED

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV) *“I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.”*

II. OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST CAUSES US TO LIVE FOR GOD, NOT OURSELVES

2 Corinthians 5:15 *“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”*

Galatians 2:20 *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

Philippians 1:20 *“I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.”*

1 Corinthians 6:19 *“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.”*

Romans 14:7,8 *“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”*

III. OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST CAUSES US NOT TO FEAR THE FUTURE

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) *“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!”*

Romans 8:15 *“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.”*

John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*

Isaiah 41:10 *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. If we have peace with God, then we have nothing to fear on this earth. Our eternities are secure as adopted daughters of Christ. So we don't need to fear losing our job, getting Ebola, failing loved ones or our children whom Christ loves even more than you, or being ridiculed for our faith. Of course these things aren't easy or painless, but we can have confidence that our Heavenly Father is sovereign over every moment of our life and will equip us for every single thing he ordains.”*

IV. OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST GIVES US NO NEED TO JUDGE OR COMPARE OURSELVES TO OTHERS

Romans 14:10-12 *“So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For the Scriptures say, “As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “every*

knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God. ”Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”

Galatians 6:4 (NLT) *“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.”*

Galatians 1:10 *“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”*