Me As God Sees Me May 26, 2024 "I am who God says I am"

Psalm 139:17 How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You're still w/ me!

He cleansed your sin, redeemed your shame, & set you free - forever.

Ephesians 1:3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who *has blessed us* w/ every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united w/ Christ.

Our real/true identity is revealed when we know we're in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For <u>all of God's promises</u> have been fulfilled in Christ w/ a resounding "Yes!" And <u>through Christ</u>, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for His glory. 21 It is God who enables us, along w/ you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, 22 & <u>He has identified us as His own</u> by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything He has promised us.

Satan is an "identity thief". He's trying to give us his identity for us.

2 Corinthians 4:4 AMP ...the god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

You don't have to be a "victim of identity theft". God made a way!

Matthew 6:22 Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled w/ light. 23 But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled w/ darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

Your actual sight occurs in the mind. The way we see things is not decided by our eyes, but by our minds. The way we think determines whether our lives are light or dark.

Often, we don't realize the dark condition we live...doubt, fear, worry, anger, depression, loneliness; are all symptoms of a low self-image.

When we see ourselves like God sees us, we're not going to let these things have a place in our lives. We won't allow them to influence us. We rise up, put our foot on the devil's head & say, "Stop! Not today!"

As we have a daily discipline of seeing ourselves in Jesus, We will live in His will & His plan for our lives.

STATEMENTS OF FAITH TO BUILD YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS

1. "I am greatly loved & valued by God"

Ephesians 2:4 God's so rich in mercy & He loved us so much 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. It's only by God's grace that you've been saved! 6 He raised <u>us</u> from the dead along w/ Christ & seated <u>us</u> w/ Him in the heavenly realms because we're united w/ Christ Jesus... 10 For we are God's masterpiece (handiwork). He has created us anew in Christ Jesus...

2. "I am a new person in Jesus"

2 Corinthians 5:17 ...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 All of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, that we could be made right w/ God through Christ.

3. "I am God's child"

John 1:12 But to all who believed Him & accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

1 John 3:1a See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, & that's what we are!...

4. "I am God's adopted & a joint-heir w/ Jesus"

Romans 8:14 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 You've not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." 16 For His Spirit joins w/ our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 & since we're His children, we're His heirs. In fact, together w/ Christ we're heirs of God's glory....

5. "I am His masterpiece & I am changed"

Ephesians 2:10 AMP We're His workmanship. His own master work; a work of art, created in Christ Jesus; reborn from above; spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used for good works...

TPT We have become His poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He's given each of us, for we're joined to Jesus, the Anointed One...

6. "I am holy & without blame"

Ephesians 1:4 ...God loved us & chose us in Christ to be holy & w/out fault in His eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, & it gave Him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace He's poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. 7 He's so rich in kindness & grace that He purchased our freedom w/ the blood of His Son & forgave our sins.

7. "I am complete in Him"

Colossians 2:8 Don't let anyone capture you w/ empty philosophies & high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking & the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 You are complete through your union w/ Christ, who's the head over every ruler & authority.

8. "I am the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit & I am not my own"

1 Corinthians 6:17 The person who's joined to the Lord is one spirit w/
Him... 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you & was given to you by God? You don't belong to yourself

20 God bought you w/ a high price. You must honor God w/ your body.

9. "I am chosen & one of God's special people"

1 Peter 2:9 ...you're a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light. 10 Once you had no identity as a people; now you're God's people.

10. "It is no longer I who live; I am alive in Jesus"

Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified w/ Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me & gave Himself for me.

11. "I am victorious & the Greater One lives in me"

1 John 4:4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

12. "I am a doer of the Word & I am blessed in my doing"

James 1:22 Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you're only fooling yourselves. 23 If you listen to the Word & don't obey, it's like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, & forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, & if you do what it says & don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

**Most Christians live so far below these verses