

I Am in Christ

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1. Who you think you are **DETERMINES** how you live

Four COMMON ways we determine who we are:

What I Do

Other's Opinions

My Feelings

My Past

2. Two words that define a Christian: **IN CHRIST**

In Christ, I am...

CHOSEN

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love

—Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)

NOT GUILTY

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1 (ESV)

FORGIVEN

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

—Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

REDEEMED

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

—*Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)*

RECONNECTED

*13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

—*Ephesians 2:13 (ESV)*

A CHILD OF GOD

*26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through
faith.*

—*Galatians 3:26 (ESV)*

FULLY SUPPLIED

*19 And my God will supply every need of yours according
to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

—*Philippians 4:19 (ESV)*

BLESSED

*[God] has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places,*

—*Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)*

SEALED

*13 In him you also... were sealed with the promised Holy
Spirit,*

—*Ephesians 1:13 (ESV)*

ETERNALLY WITH GOD

*23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—*Romans 6:23 (ESV)*

LOVED

*[nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—*Romans 8:39 (ESV)*

3. Before you were IN CHRIST, you were IN ADAM

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

—1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)

4. Now that you are IN CHRIST, you are CHANGED

A. You are Born Again

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

—John 3:3 (ESV)

"Being born again transformed you into someone who didn't exist before."

—Neil Anderson

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

B. You are a New Creation