

I Believe
Bold Identity, Part 2
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Message Thread: What I believe is reflected in my BOLD IDENTITY!

Identity: What a person is.

“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:4 - 7 NLT

“Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God’s children. See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him. Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.” 1 John 2:29 - 3:3 NLT

So how do we know if we are anchored to a dead identity?

- 1) If you get challenged and get hyper defensive, your identity may be in the wrong place.
- 2) If you feel like you need to try harder and do better to earn God’s love, you may not know who you really are.
- 3) Your feelings will lead you to a false identity.
- 4) One of the great revealers of where we derive our identity is what we say to ourselves (our inner dialog). If you think any of these types of things about yourself:
 - You hang your identity on your abilities.
 - You hang your identity on titles.
 - You hang your identity on past achievements.

- You hang your identity on past failures.
- You hang your identity on your perceived value.

We are fully known. Psalm 139.

I am free from condemnation. “There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...” (Romans 8:1, NLT)

I am secure in Christ. “Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders...” (Deuteronomy 33:12, NIV)

I am a joint heir with Christ. “Since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory...” (Romans 8:17, NLT)

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

I cannot be snatched from God’s hand. “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me.” (John 10:28 NLT)

God is my protector and defender. “The Lord is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe.” (Psalm 18:2 GNT)

I am a new creation. “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

God hears my voice and is attentive to my cries. “The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help.” (Psalm 34:15)

I am loved unconditionally. “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 8:39, NIV)

God is faithful to all that He promises. “The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Psalm 145:13 NIV)

I am complete in Christ. “You also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.” (Colossians 2:10, NLT)

I am more than a conqueror through Christ. “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Romans 8:37, NIV).

I am worthy of His unconditional love. “She will walk with me, dressed in white, for she is worthy...” (Revelation 3:4, NIV)

I am a delight to God. “[The Lord] will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17 NIV)

God is with me, will watch over me and will not abandon me. “So be strong and courageous!...For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

(Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT)

I am of the light and no longer belong to the darkness. “You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness...” (1 Thessalonians 5:5, NIV)

I am seen and known. “See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.” (Isaiah 49:16 NLT)

God is strong and fights on my behalf. “For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!” (Deuteronomy 20:4 NLT)

I can approach God with confidence! “Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God’s presence...” (Ephesians 3:12, NLT)

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all of my sins. “He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins...” (Colossians 1:13–14, NLT)

¹Mercy Multiplied <https://mercymultiplied.com/truth-statements/>
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Challenge:

- Who does God say you are? Will you trust it?
- What will you do to untangle the false identities in your life?
- Encourage another believer this week with reminding them who they are.



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