

MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A healthy, sane, flourishing human being is one who knows exactly <u>who</u> <u>they are</u>. Sadly, many people walk their entire life searching for who they <u>should</u> be, <u>could</u> be, or <u>want</u> to be, when <u>God our creator</u> has already solidified this truth for us.

The creator of a thing best knows a thing. God knows you better than you know you. He created you. God knows you better than anyone will ever know you. So, it doesn't make much sense to look to the world, be it culture, man, Ex's, friends, or even family to help differentiate the beginning, middle, and end of your identity. The world didn't create you. Man didn't create you. God created you with intention, purpose, and calling. - Jeremiah 1:5.

Identity without God is *impossible*, and to be frank, any attempts are **LETHAL**. You live in a world that is ruled by Satan. God gave Adam authority over the world. Adam gave it over to Satan. But, this is only a *temporary* ruling. - John 12:31. In the meantime, Ephesians 6 explains the principalities that are at work in the spiritual realm and the crucial necessity of guarding ourselves at all times.

Now, there is NOTHING to be afraid of. Believers and followers of Jesus Christ have <u>ALL POWER OVER THE ENEMY</u>. - Luke 10:19. But, there is still heightened importance for <u>claiming</u>, <u>standing on</u>, and openly <u>declaring</u> your identity on the regular. Why? John 10:10, *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"*. The enemy wants to hijack your mind and get you so jacked up that you question, *"Who am I? Do I really* *matter? Is there truly a purpose for me? Do I belong here?*". He can't steal your identity. He wasn't the one who gave it. But, he can tempt you to forfeit by luring you into agreement with who the world wants you to be and not who God created you to be.

The latter part of John 10:10 states, *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*" Your relationship with Jesus pulls to the surface your God-given identity and causes you to experience the "life more abundantly" that He died for you to have. And it all begins with unlearning who they said you were, who the world tried to influence you to be, and remembering who GOD says you are.

I pray this resource blesses you. As you pray it and say it out loud, chains will break, warfare will cease, and empowerment will come upon you. Make these your daily declarations by activating the power of God's written Word. Get a Bible and look up the following scriptures. Underline them and write them down. Speak them until they become a part of your natural vocabulary. (*Hint** *When the Word becomes a natural, unprovoked part of your vocabulary it is a sign of Romans 12:2, the renewing of your mind is underway.*)

Knowing who you are is your first line of defense in spiritual warfare. Remember, you have the victory. It's a non-negotiable.

Now, before you begin repeat after me: "I am who HE says I am."

Amen? Amen.

<u>SET APART</u> - I am a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. - 1 Peter 2:9

<u>A CHILD OF GOD</u> - God loves me and calls me His child, and that is what I am. - 1 John 3:1

<u>FORGIVEN</u> - Jesus died for me. I am dead to sin and alive to righteousness. - 1 Peter 2:24

HEALED - By His stripes I am healed. - Isaiah 53:5

<u>BRAND NEW</u> - I am a new creation in Christ. The old life has gone and the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

LOVED - God loves me with an everlasting love. - Jeremiah 31:3

<u>NEVER ALONE</u> - *The Lord goes before me. He will never leave me nor forsake me.* - Deuteronomy 31:8

<u>PROTECTED</u> - He orders His angels to protect me wherever I go. No evil shall befall me. No plague shall come near me. No weapon shall prosper against me. I submit to God and the devil flees. - Psalm 91:10-11, Isaiah 54:17, James 4:7

<u>A SECURE FUTURE</u> - The Lord knows the plans He has for me. They are plans for good and not evil, plans to give me hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11

<u>HAVING THE VICTORY</u> - God takes what the enemy meant for evil and turns it for my good. He has given me His shield of victory. I am the Head and not the tail, above and never beneath. I am an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ. It is God's good pleasure to give me the Kingdom. - Genesis 50:20, Psalm 18:35, Deuteronomy 28:13, Romans 8:17, Luke 12:32

FREE - I am free indeed. Who the Son sets free is free. - John 8:36

<u>WITH POWER</u> - *Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world*. - 1 John 4:4

<u>ON PURPOSE</u> - *I will fear God and keep his commandments. I was created for good works. I am God's workmanship. God blesses the works of my hands. Whatever I do, I do all for the glory of God.* - Ecclesiastes 12:13, Ephesians 2:10, Deuteronomy 28:12, 1 Corinthians 10:31

<u>PROSPEROUS</u> - I place God first in all things and all of my needs are met. I tithe and the flood gates of Heaven open over me. I give and I get back more than I've given, pressed down, shaken together and running over. I am a lender to many, but I borrow from no one. He has anointed me and my cup runs over. My vats overflow. The Lord rewards me because I diligently seek Him. -Matthew 6:33, Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:38, Deuteronomy 15:6, Psalm 23:5, Joel 2:24, Hebrews 11:6

<u>MIND OF CHRIST</u> - I do not have a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and sound mind. I do not conform to this world or the opinions of man and culture, my mind is renewed through the Word of God. I am a partaker of the Holy Spirit and I am enlightened. - 2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 12:2, Hebrews 6:4

<u>BACKED BY GOD</u> - I hold tightly, without wavering, to the hope that I affirm that God can be trusted. He will keep ALL of His promises to me. God is not a liar. - Hebrews 10:23, Isaiah 55:11, Numbers 23:19

<u>BLESSED</u> - The Lord blesses and keeps me. He makes His face shine upon me and is gracious to me. He turns His face towards me and gives me peace. -Numbers 6:24-26

<u>FAVORED</u> - I've found favor in the eyes of the Lord. I am increasing in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. I am the head and not the tail. I am blessed through Christ with spiritual blessings in heavenly places. -Luke 2:52, Genesis 6:8, Deuteronomy 28:13, Ephesians 1:3