

We are a new creation because of Jesus Christ & the New Covenant.

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17.

We can fully embrace the new man in Christ, choosing to live by the truth of what His blood of the New Covenant has provided for us. Becoming that victorious Christian and walking in the light as He is in the light, 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7. Or we can (*play it safe*), choosing to dwell on our past, allowing our past to direct our future, telling others that we were sinners, born in sin and saved by God's grace.

The choice is ours; both scenarios are true. We can focus on our past and remain in the familiar, even though it's keeping us in bondage, or we can embrace the future and all that Christ has called us to do.

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After being born-again, we must renew our minds.

For the devil can only work in the unrenewed mind.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God, Romans 12:2.

And as we choose to do this, the Holy Spirit will be our teacher.

When the Spirit of truth (*the Holy Spirit*), is come will guide you into all truth: for He shall speak: and show you things to come, John 16:13.

Therefore, I included a prayer that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians that they would know and understand who they are in Christ Jesus and the calling they have been predestined to.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, Ephesians 1:18.

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Before getting into certain attributes, abilities, and gifts that we have been given, we must believe in the foundation that we have in Christ Jesus.

- ◆ That we are made in God's own image and likeness, Genesis 1:28.
- ◆ Jesus prayed that we may be one with the Godhead, John 17:21.
- ◆ That He (*within our spirit*), is greater than he in the world, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4.
- ◆ That we have complete access to Christ's inheritance, Ephesians 1:11.

Realizing who we are, and what we have in the New Man. However, we must realize that the state of being of the new man is all due to Christ Jesus in us, and that is not of ourselves.

Lest we confuse our realization of being in Christ (which is generally connected with knowing the great and unconditional love that God has for us). With understanding and emulating our true identity in Christ as the servant king, to serve others, such as when Jesus washed His disciples' feet.

For a true disciple in Christ is one who finds his identity in Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet, John 13:13-14.

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I have put below many of the giftings that we have been blessed with as born-again believers in Christ, Ephesians 1:3.

We are now called sons of God, John 1:12, for Christ lives in us, Galatians 2:20, and we are now the light of this darkened world, Matthew 5:13-19. We are God's workmanship, created to do good works, Ephesians 2:10, *called to* sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:, Ephesians 2:6. for we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20. In Him, our love is made perfect, for as He is, so are we, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:17. *We are a* chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation, a people belonging to God, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9-10. and we, *being* many, are one body, and every one members of one another, Romans 12:5, having an eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord, Ephesians 3:11.

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*There is* no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, Romans 8:1.

God has redeemed His people, Luke 1:68, Galatians 3:13.

We are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Romans 3:24, Hebrews 9:12.

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, called to be saints, Hebrews 10:10 & 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:2.

and whatever the upsets, trials, and shameful mistakes we have come through in this life, know that we are completely accepted in Christ Jesus.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **Colossians 1:1**

**A prayer to the Father:**

Father in heaven, I come before You to exalt, praise, and glorify Your name. I thank You that we are Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus. That we have been predestined unto good works, called out of darkness into His marvelous light, and called to be in right fellowship with the Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Thank you Father, that You will never leave us or forsake us, **Hebrews 13:8**, and as we acknowledge that we are in You and You are in us, we will walk free of all fear. For You have not given us a spirit of fear, **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:7**, and perfect love casts out all fear, **John 4:18**. For our identity as born-again believers in Christ Lord, I ask that as a born-again believer in Christ Jesus, Your Holy Spirit would give to me further revelation of my true identity in Christ Jesus, for it is my desire to be more like Christ Jesus in my thoughts, words, and actions. That the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened, knowing the hope of my calling and the riches and the glory of Christ's inheritance within the saints.

I thank you Father, that as a believer in Christ; I am a new creation, the old man is gone; A new new life in Christ has begun; I am a citizen of heaven. Through the death of Christ I have been reconciled to the Father and stand before Him holy and blameless, a chosen people, of a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's very own possession, called out of the darkness into His wonderful light. No longer called a slave, but rather a friend of Christ

**Amen.**



# Our Identity in Christ

## Mankind's unchangeable foundation

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And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, **Genesis 1:26**.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth, **Genesis 1:28**.

This is an essential truth that all of our other identities in Christ are built upon. Without acknowledging this as being our unalterable foundation, we'll start to question all of our identities in Christ. Wondering why Christ would give us such authority, and to what extent do we have these authority's?

As God's master creation, we are not only in God's family, but we are called to be one with the Godhead (*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*), realizing that God is within us.

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**That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: . . . John 17:21.**

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world, **1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4**.

Also, every born-again believer in Christ also shares in the riches of Christ's inheritance.

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will: **Ephesians 1:11**.