

## Your Identity in Christ 2

Quote: Blaise Pascal – “Not only do we know God through Jesus Christ, but we only know ourselves through Jesus Christ. We only know life and death through Jesus Christ. Apart from Jesus, we cannot know the meaning of our life, the meaning of our death, the meaning of God, or the meaning of ourselves. It is only in Christ.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### Examples of People Who Changed In Jesus

- Peter
- Thomas
- Matthew
- John
- Paul
- Luke
- James
- Priscilla and Aquila
- Erastus
- Lydia

### What the Bible Says About Who You Are In Christ

- You are complete and full in Jesus (Colossians 2:10).
- You are alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).
- You are born of God and the evil one cannot touch you (1 John 5:18).
- You are holy and without blame (Ephesians 1:4).
- You have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).
- You have the radical humility that Jesus had (Philippians 2:5-8).
- You have the peace of God that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7).
- Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).
- You have the power of the Holy Spirit to heal the sick, cast out demons, and speak in tongues (Mark 16:17-18).
- You have put off the old self and have put on the new self (Colossians 3:9-10).
- You are dead to sin and alive to God (Romans 6:11).
  - Quote: Matthew Henry – “We must rise from the grave of sin never again to return to it, nor to have any more fellowship with the works of darkness, having quit that grave, that land of darkness.”
- All your needs are supplied according to the riches of God’s glory (Philippians 4:19).
- You have the shield of faith to put out all the burning arrows of the Enemy (Ephesians 6:16).
- You can do all things through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:13).
- You are a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, made to proclaim His greatness... called out of darkness and into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).
- You are born again through the imperishable seed of the Word of God (1 Peter 1:23).
- You are God’s workmanship, created for good works (Ephesians 2:10).
  - workmanship = poiéma (poy'-ay-mah) = where the word “poem” comes from
- You are a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

- You are a co-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).
  - Psalm 16:5 - The Lord is my chosen portion [inheritance] and my cup; you hold my lot.
- You are more than a conqueror through Him who loves you
  - Romans 8:35-37 - 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- You have received all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4).
- You are an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- You are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- You are the head and not the tail; you are above and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13).
- You reign in life (Romans 5:17)
  - reign = basileuó = to reign as a king
- You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).
  - Quote: Bill Hybels – "The local church is the hope of the world."
- You are God's chosen and elect (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12).
- You are redeemed and forgiven of all your sins and washed in the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7).
- You are delivered from the power of darkness and transferred into God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
- You are redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (Galatians 3:13).
- You are healed (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).
- You are raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12).
- You don't have a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).
- You are greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).

Ephesians 4:22-24 – 22 ...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Take off the old self
- Renew your mind
- Put on the new self