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In Reality Who We Are -- Is Far More Than What Can Be Seen On The Outside

Our Meaning & Fulfillment As A Christian Is Based On The Understanding Of Who We Are

Who We Are Is All About Our Identity In Christ – We Are Children Of God
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When We Understand Our Identity It Will Change The Way We Think About Ourselves

*Our Minds Think Differently “In Christ”*

Understanding Who We Are In Christ Will Change The Way We Live And Think
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New Life Brings New Identity

“No Person Can Consistently Behave In A Way That’s Inconsistent With The Way That He Or She Perceives Themselves”

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Being A Christian Is ...

Not Just A Matter Of
Getting Something

It Is A Matter Of
Being Someone
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Our Deepest Identity:
- A Saint
- A Spiritually Born Child Of God
- A Divine Masterpiece
- A Child Of Light
- A Citizen Of Heaven

That Is What God Calls Us
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What We Receive Is Not The Point ...

It's Who We Are

And

Who We Become
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(2 Cor 5:17 NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

(Eph 2:10 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
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(1 Pet 2:9-10 NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(1 John 3:1-2 NIV) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (2) Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
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When you begin to see yourself as a child of God, who is spiritually alive in Christ -- you'll begin to live in victory and freedom.
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Satan Is Determined To Keep You From Seeing Yourself As Spiritually Alive And Complete In Christ.

Satan Can Do Nothing To Damage Your Position Or Your Identity In Christ – But, He Can Deceive You Into Believing His Lie.

(John 8:44) “He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
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His Tactics Of Deception Include...

- Misinformation
- Disinformation
- Delusion & Deception
- False Accusations & Lies

We Want To Refute Satan’s Lies About Us So That We Can Stand In God’s Truth About Us
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Problem: God’s Truths Are Under Attack

The Church Has Responded By Pulling Back And Disengaging -- Losing It’s Influence On Society

Society Is Losing It’s Bearings

Solution:  **God’s People Need To Know Who They Really Are In Christ Jesus!**
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Once We Come To Christ – We Are On A Different Track -- The Track Of Truth & Life

- We Are Not Overcome – But Overcomers
- We Have A Great New Life & Future In Christ
- He Has Given Us Victory – We Walk In Victory
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The Church And It’s People Become More Powerful
Effective And Significant When We Understand
Who We Are In Christ

If We Know Who We Are In Christ -- We Can Refute
And Overcome The Lies And Deception That The
Enemy Would Try To Use To Defeat Us

If We Know Who We Are In Christ
We Can Walk In Christ’s Overcoming Victory
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Satan's Deception Concerning Your Identity Is His Major Weapon Against Your Growth And Maturity In Christ.

- The adversary (1 Pet. 5:8, 9)
- The accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10; Job 1:6-12)
- The enemy (Matt. 13:39)
- The tempter (Matt. 4:3)
- The father of lies (John 8:44)
- The deceiver (Rev. 12:9)
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Ways That Satan Works:

- He Deceives
- He Discourages
- He Disappoints
- He Divides
When You Understand Who The Lord Says You Are --

You Can Refute The Lies & Accusations Of Satan

(John 8:36) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

(Romans 6:22-23) you have been set free from sin ... the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
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NEW LIFE MEANS -- WE ARE REBORN

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

I HAVE NEW LIFE; I AM REBORN;
THE OLD HAS GONE – THE NEW HAS COME!

(John 1:12 NIV) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
1 Cor 12:27 NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

**I AM NOT ALONE – I AM NOT INSIGNIFICANT**

**I AM A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**
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NEW LIFE MEANS - YOU ARE REDEEMED

God Has Placed A Value On Every Believers Life -- It Has Cost Him Dearly Yet He Has Redeemed Us

(1 Cor 6:20 NIV) you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

I AM VALUABLE TO THE LORD, HE BOUGHT & PAID THE PRICE FOR ME
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THE WORD IS THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)  
(13) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,  
(14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I HAVE BEEN RESCUED FROM DARKNESS -- REDEEMED & FORGIVEN FOR MY SINS.
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NEW LIFE MEANS - YOU ARE JUSTIFIED

(Rom 10:9-11 NIV) “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame”

I AM DECLARED RIGHTEOUS (IN GOOD STANDING) BY GOD
NEW LIFE MEANS - WE ARE ADOPTED

(Romans 8:17 NIV) We are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

(Eph 1:5 NIV) ... He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

I HAVE BEEN ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY BY THE WILL AND PLEASURE OF MY HEAVENLY FATHER.
THE ONE WHO IS DECEIVED & DELUDED ABOUT THE REAL WAY THINGS ARE IS SATAN!

Satan Will Not Win

1 John 3:8: “The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil.”

Hebrews 2:14: “Christ took on human nature that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.”
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**Colossians 2:15**: “God disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.”

**Revelation 20:10** “The devil . . . [will be] thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

(See Matthew 8:29; 25:41)
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NEW LIFE MEANS - WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST

To Be United = To Be ‘One’ & To Come Together

(1 Cor 6:17 NIV) But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.
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*I Am United With The Lord:*

- *I Am One With Him In Spirit*

- *I Am United With Him In Victory*

- *I Am United With Him In A Victorious Future*