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

• Our Meaning And 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

• 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”

Dr. Neil Anderson
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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 As A Christian Is Not The Point

It's *Who We Are*

And

*Who We Become*
• (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.
(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 A Live 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 Spiritually Complete In Christ.

• Satan's Deception Concerning Your Identity Is His Major Weapon Against Your Growth And Maturity In Christ.
A Person's Self-Concept Is Instrumental In Determining Those Who Are "Winners" & Those Who See Themselves As "Losers"

Dr. James Dobson
(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—

**I Am God's Child**
• (1 Cor 6:17 NIV) But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

• **I Am United With The Lord...**
  **One With Him In Spirit.**
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- (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 Me With A Price.
(1 Cor 12:27 NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

I Am A Part Of The Body Of Christ
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• (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 The Lord.
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• (Col 1:14 NIV) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

• I Have Been Redeemed. I Have Been Forgiven For My Sins.
(Col 2:10 NIV) and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

**I Am Complete In Christ**
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• Every Christian Believer Has Received With That Relationship An Acceptance And A Value That Is Tremendous:
  • You Are Accepted In Christ
  • You Are His Child
  • You Are Complete
  • You Are Extremely Valuable In Christ
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• Many In The Body Of Christ
  – Christian Families
  – Young People
  • Are Suffering
  • Are Not Living Up To Their Potential
  • Are Not Receiving God's Best

– Because They Have Not Accepted Themselves As God Has Created Them
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• The Key To Seeing Ourselves as God Sees Us -- Starts In Knowing And Understanding That We Are Made In The Image Of God

• God Has Personally Fashioned And Formed Us By His Love And Wisdom
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• (Psa 8:4-5 NIV) what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? (5) You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

• We Are The High Point Of His Divine Creation -- We Have Been Blessed With Immense Worth And Value
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- It Doesn't Matter What Anybody Else Says Or Thinks If God Says We Are Valuable Then We Are Valuable

- God Put Such A High Value On Us That He Sent His Own Son To Pay For Our Sins And To Make Possible Our Redemption And A Renewed Communion With Him
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• Satan Tries To Lie To Humanity
  – Telling Them That ---
    • They Are Of No Particular Value
    • They Are Only A Group Of Animals On The Evolutionary Chain

– The Truth is: The Word Of God Tells Us That We Are Of Great Value Because We Belong To God
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• Because We Are Created In
  The Image Of God
  – We Possess
    • Great Worth
    • Great Significance
    • Great Value

  – We Are Loved By God And
    Deserving Of The Love Of
    Ourselves And Others
• God Ordained And Approved Us Before We Were Born:

• (Psa 139:16 NIV) your eyes saw my unformed body ("EMBRYO"). All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
God Knew Us Before Conception:

(Jer 1:5 NIV) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
• God Treated Us As A Person Before Birth:

• (Isa 49:1 NIV) Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.
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• God Formed Us To Fulfill His Purpose:

• (Isa 49:5 NIV) And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—
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• God Fashioned Us In The Womb:

• (Job 10:8 NIV) "Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? (9) Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?"
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- God Didn't Make A Mistake And He Didn't Make Junk:
  - (Psa 139:14 NIV) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
  - (Psa 139:15 NIV) My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
  - (Psa 139:16 NIV) your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
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- Our Self-Acceptance Is Grounded In The Value God Places On Us

- We Are Valuable To God -- Our True Value Is God's Estimate Of Our Worth, Not Satan’s Nor Our Peers'

- God Cares For Us, As He Cares For All Of His Creatures, Because We Belong To Him