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• In Reality Who We Are -- Is Far More Than 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
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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*
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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.
(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.
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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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• (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**
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• (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.
(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.
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• (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**
(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.
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• (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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• The Key To Self Acceptance: 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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• 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.
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- 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 Our Life

• We Are Valuable To God -- Our True Value Is God's Estimate Of Our Worth, Not Satan’s And Not Our Peers’

• God Cares For Us, As He Cares For All Of His Creatures, Because We Belong To Him
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• God's "Unchangeables" Are
  – Physical Features
  – Mental Features
  – Family Features

• Features In Our Lives That We Have No Control Over

• They Were Aspects Of Our Lives Chosen For Us By God
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• If We Will Accept God’s “Unchangeables” -- He Can Make Something Beautiful Out Of Them

• God's "Unchangeables" Are The Starting Points For His Character Development And Training In All Of Us
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The “Unchangeables” of Our Lives:

• 1. Our Parents
• 2. Our Time In History
• 3. Our Racial Background
• 4. Our National Heritage
• 5. Our Gender
• 6. Our Birth Order
• 7. Our Brothers And Sisters
• 8. Our Physical Features
• 9. Our Mental Abilities
• 10. Our Aging And Death
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• Our Great Example Of Self-Acceptance In The Unchangables Of Life Is In The Life Of Jesus

• The Unchangeable Features In Christ's Life Were Not Actually Human Defects -- But Carefully Designed Unchangeable Factors

• That God Used To Fulfill His Ministry And To Provide Redemption For Us
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• When We Reject Ourselves -- We Are Saying To God:

  • You Didn't Do A Good Job With Me

  • You Didn't Know What You Were Doing When You Made Me

• We Reject The Artistry And Creativity Of God
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• (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.

• Workmanship =
  – "A Work Of Art"
  – "A Product That Is Designed"
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- (Psa 100:3 NIV) ... Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

- When We Reject The Unchangeable Features That God Has Designed For Us -- We Are Rejecting Our Creator
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- God's Character Goes Into The Creation Of Every Person

- Self-acceptance Doesn't Come From Ourselves -- It Comes From The Power Of Christ

- The More Aware I Am Of My Human Weaknesses And Inability's The More I Will Be Able To Draw Upon Christ's Strength
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• Deeper Than Simply Liking Myself -- Self Acceptance Is Seeing God's Design For Me

• We Are God's Workmanship =
  – We Are God's Design
  – We Are His Work
  – We Express His Deepest Thoughts
  We Express His Deepest Truths
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• “We As Believers Can Praise God For What He Is Doing In And Through Our Lives Because He Is Not Finished With Us Yet”

  – Adapted From Gary Collins Christian Counseling
• It Is So Important For Us To Know That
  – We Are Accepted In Christ
  – We Are Secure In Christ
  – We Are Significant In Christ
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- We Are Valuable ---

- Not By What We Have Done

- But Because Of Whose We Are

- Because Of Who We Have Been Touched By
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• The Creator Of The Universe Is Acquainted With Us Personally

• He Values Us More Than The Possession Of The Entire World

• He Understands Our Fears And Anxieties

• He Reaches Out To Us In Immeasurable Love When No One Else Cares