

LEARNING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST
Creating a Positive ID – Part 4
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GOD’S VIEW OF YOU

1. You are completely accepted.

1 Peter 2:9 (TLB) *“You have been chosen by God Himself!”*

- **Because God chose you before everything.**

Ephesians 1:4 (TLB) *“Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love.”*

- **Because Jesus has made you acceptable.**

Titus 3:7 (CEV) *“Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.”*

2. You are extremely valuable.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) *“You are... a holy nation, God’s special possession!”*

Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV) *“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.”*

- **Because God is your Father.**

Luke 12:24 (NLT) *“Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!”*

- **Because Jesus gave His life for you.**

1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB) *“You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to Him.”*

Jesus died for your sins, so you don’t have to!

3. You are eternally loved.

1 Peter 2:10a (NIV) *“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.”*

Jeremiah 31:3b (NLT) *“I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to Myself.”*

God’s love is not given because of anything you do.
You don’t need to be insecure in His love.

- Because God IS love.

Psalm 100:5 (GNT) *“The Lord is good; His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts forever.”*

4. You are totally forgiven.

1 Peter 2:10b (GNT) *“At one time you did not know God’s mercy, but now you have received His mercy.”*

You and I might be surprised at our sins. God’s never surprised!

When God forgives your sin, He erases it.

All the penalty and punishment is totally and forever gone.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

- Because it’s in God’s nature to forgive.

Isaiah 43:25 (GNT) *“I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.”*

- Because Jesus paid for your sins.

Ephesians 1:7 (GNT) *“For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!”*

5. You are fully capable.

1 Peter 2:9 (NCV) *“You are... royal priests... chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”*

A priest does two things:

He represents man to God, and he represents God to man.

Jesus has told us to be on mission with Him.

2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (GNT) *“The capacity we have comes from God; ⁶ it is He who made us capable of serving the new covenant, which consists not of a written law but of the Spirit. The written law brings death, but the Spirit gives life.”*

- Because Christ lives in you.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) *“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”*

Your positive ID is found in who God says you are!