

BACK TO SCHOOL: LIFE LESSONS

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Don't Let Anyone Steal Your Identity Part 1

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

- I) To Steal My Identity Satan Uses:
- A) The opinions of other _____.
 - B) _____ and pain.
 - C) The _____.
 - D) The _____ I tell myself.

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living. Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

For everything, absolutely everything... got started in him and finds its purpose in him. Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

- II) In the New Testament:
- A) "In Christ" is used _____ times.
 - B) "In him" is used _____ times.

"In Christ":

- I) I am: " _____, _____, and _____ by God."
- A) Chosen:
 - 1) For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV)
 - 2) But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you. 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)
 - B) Loved:
 - 1) Because of his love, God had already decided to make us his own children through Jesus Christ. That was what he wanted and what pleased him, Ephesians 1:5 (NCV)

2) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

3) Why can't I be separated from God's love?

(a) It's _____.

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8

(b) It's _____.

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

C) Accepted:

1) Because of God you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God. In Christ we are put right with God, and have been made holy, and have been set free from sin. 1 Corinthians 1:30

2) Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:30

II) My _____ and _____ are priceless.

A) Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you. Isaiah 43:4

B) How Do I Know That's How God Feels About Me?

1) We are all made in the _____ of God.

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." Genesis 1:26

2) Jesus _____ for us.

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:18-19

You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him—be free now from all these earthly prides and fears.

1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)

_____: God is our owner.