

BACK TO THE BASICS

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Identity in Jesus Christ

"Who are you?"

As God's messenger I give each of you God's warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. Romans 12:3 (TLB)

Back to the Basics truth:

"I am who I am because of who Jesus Christ says I am."

Finding My Identity In Jesus Christ Means:

- I) I am _____ because Jesus Christ paid the _____ for me.
- A) The value of something is always based on how much somebody will pay.
 - B) God paid a high price for you, so don't be enslaved by the world. 1 Corinthians 7:23
 - C) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8
- II) I am made _____ with God, because in Jesus Christ, my sins are _____.
- A) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us... And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Romans 5:1, 9-11
 - B) Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:22
 - C) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

III) I am _____, because in Jesus Christ I have been _____ into God's _____.

A) God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5

B) _____

C) Every Christian is part of a _____ family and every Christian should be part of a _____ family.

D) And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 1 Peter 1:4 (TLB)

IV) I am _____, because in Jesus Christ God gives me _____ I need.

A) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. John 10:27-29

B) And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

C) Today Jesus Christ is relentlessly protecting your identity.

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, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize Ephesians 1:11-12.
- I believe I am who I am because of who Jesus Christ says I am.
- Today I accept my new identity by believe in Jesus for the first time.
- Sign me up for the baptism service on July 8/9.