

FREEDOM
Freedom From A Broken Identity
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Key Verses of the Day

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27 NIV

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:26-27 NLT

Key Thought of the Day

Faith in Jesus Christ brings us a _____ as children of God.

Grab This!

There is no more radical transformation available to anyone than _____ into God's family.

A New Identity in Christ Brings...

1. The blessing of moving from _____!

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world... All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) Ephesians 2:1-2a, 3-5 NLT

A New Identity in Christ Brings...

2. The blessing of moving from _____!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 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 1:3-5 NLT

A New Identity in Christ Brings...

3. The blessing of moving from being a _____ of sin to _____ in Christ.

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:22 NLT

A New Identity in Christ Brings...

4. The blessing of moving from being _____ from God to _____ with Him in Christ.

But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13
NLT

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God... Ephesians 1:11 NLT

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. Romans 8:17 NLT

My New Identity in Christ Means...

1. I no longer desire to _____, now I seek to please God.

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. 1 John 2:15-17 NLT

My New Identity in Christ Means...

2. I no longer need to _____.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:14-15 NLT

My New Identity in Christ Means...

3. I no longer need to _____ myself against others.

For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Romans 14:7-8 NLT

My New Identity in Christ Means...

4. When I face suffering and trials I can have confidence that I do not face them _____... and God will use those experiences to produce qualities of eternal value in my life.

In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. 1 Peter 5:10 NLT

The Bottom Line

My identity in Christ means that I enjoy all of the privileges of being a _____!

The Challenge

How should I respond to the wonderful truth of being God's child?