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Encountering Jesus



An Amazing Change

"All who heard [Saul] were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?' But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ." (Acts 9:21-22)

A New Identity



"Jesus said, 'You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas."

Which is translated Peter." (John 1:42)

A New Identity

- God renamed Abram...Abraham (Genesis 17:5)
- God renamed Sarai...Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
- God renamed Jacob...Israel (Genesis 32:28)

The Battle For My Identity



"I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:14-15)

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"It is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh." (Romans 7:17-18)

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"For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." (Romans 7:17-18)

The Battle For My Identity



"I delight in the law of God in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind..." (Romans 7:22-24)

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"...making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:22-24)

The Battle For My Identity



"There is therefore now" no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2)

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"'Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?...it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know and the faith which comes through him has given him this perfect health." (Acts 3:12, 16)

We Must Claim Our New Identity!

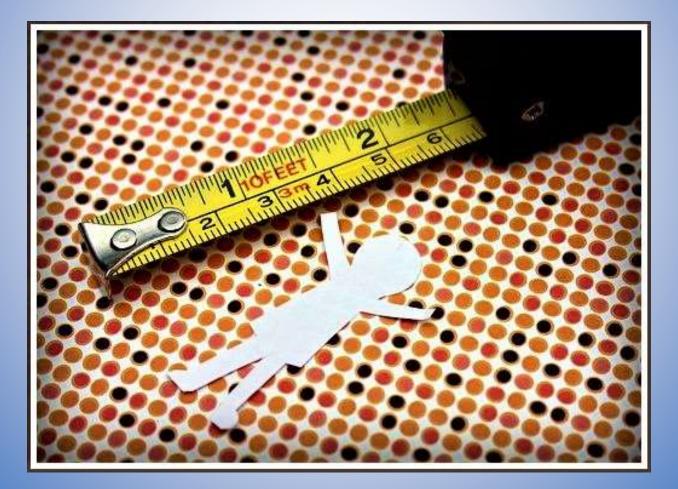
"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

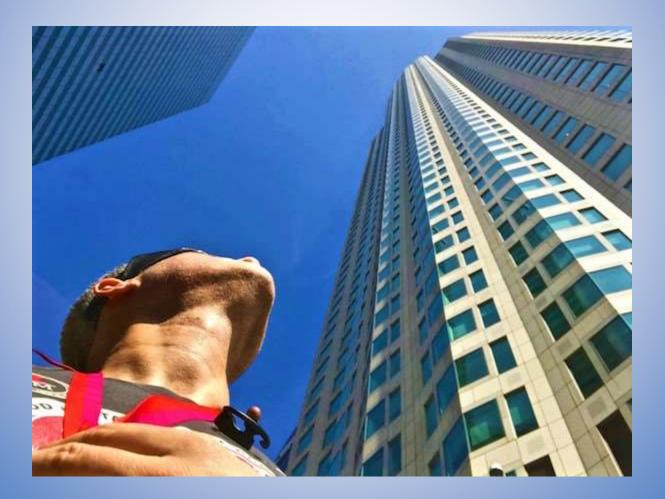
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"By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10)









God's Approach to Identity



God's Approach to Identity

- "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)
- "I am from above." (John 8:23)
- "I am the Son of God." (John 10:36)
- "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

God's Approach to Identity

""Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John-the-Baptist. Others say, Elijah...'

'But who do you say that I am?'

Peter answered, 'The Christ of God.'" (Luke 9:18-20)

Who Does God Say That I am?

IN CHRIST...I Am <u>Accepted</u>.

- I am a friend of God. (Jn. 15:15)
- I am bought with a price & belong to God. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- I am chosen by God & adopted as his child. (Eph. 1:3-8)
- I am redeemed & forgiven. (Col. 1:13-14)

Who Does God Say That I am?

IN CHRIST...I Am Secure.

- I am free from condemnation. (Rom. 8:31-39)
- I am established, anointed, & sealed. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
- I am born of God & the devil cannot touch me.
 (1 Jn. 5:18)
- I am God's sheep & have everything I need. (Ps. 23)
- I am complete. (Col. 2:9-10)

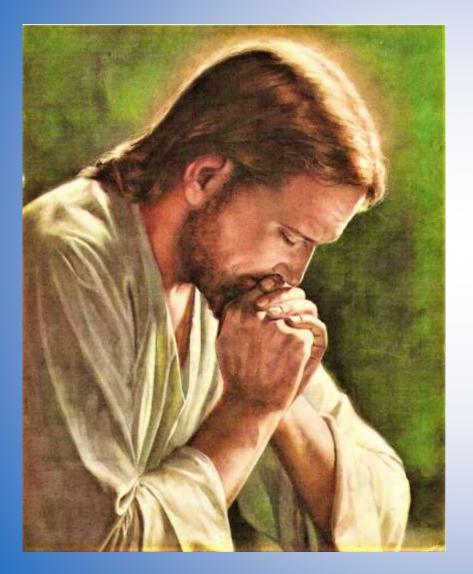
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IN CHRIST...I Am <u>Significant</u>.

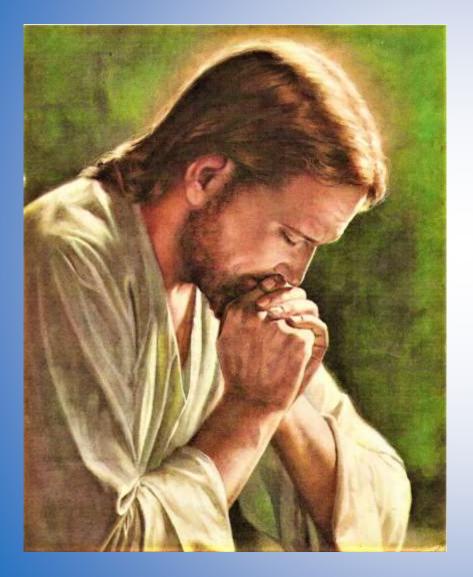
- I am a new creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)
- I am righteous and holy. (Eph. 4:24)
- I am a child of light & not of darkness. (1 Thess. 5:5)
- I am God's workmanship, created to do good works.
 (Eph. 2:10)
- I am a partaker of a heavenly calling. (Heb. 3:1)

Who Does God Say That I am?

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"Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." (John 17:17-21)



"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:17-21)

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