

# ONE ON ONE WITH JESUS: MY IDENTITY

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## INTRODUCTION:

At the heart of what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Christ, is to receive a **new identity**. In Jesus, we do not lose our true selves, but we become our true selves, only in him. In our lives, there is a sinister and evil thief of your identity, and his name is Satan. He wants to steal far more than just your money. He wants to steal your true identity, what God created you to be. He wants to hide your true identity, he wants to diminish your true identity, he wants to confuse your identity. He doesn't want you to know who you really are, who God made you to be. He doesn't want you to know the power that you have as a child of God, as a son or daughter in God's family. How does he steal your identity?

- He uses your \_\_\_\_\_.
- He uses other people's \_\_\_\_\_.
- He uses culture and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He uses your own \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, in our One-on-One today: **What is one of the most important things I need to get right, as a Christian, to live a fulfilled and meaningful life?**

## MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST!

**I Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)** *"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

## **JESUS VIEW OF YOU: WILL YOU BELIEVE IT?**

1. **JESUS: YOU ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"You have been CHOSEN by God himself!"*

**1 Peter 2:9 (Living Bible)**

• **BECAUSE GOD CHOSE YOU** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"He chose us in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight by his love."*

**Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)**

• **BECAUSE JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."*

**Titus 3:7 (NLT)**

2. **JESUS: YOU ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"You are a HOLY nation, a people BELONGING to God!"* **1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)**

*"You are a people holy to the Lord your God...his treasured possession."*

**Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV)**

**God says:** “You are precious and honored in my sight.” **Isaiah 43:4 (NIV)**

• **BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

“Look at the birds... God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!” **Luke 12:24 (NIV)**

• **BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. **JESUS: YOU ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

• **BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

“God’s love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.” **Psalms 100:5 (NIV)**

**GOD’S LOVE IS** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **JESUS: YOU ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

• **BECAUSE I** \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

“The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant...” **2 Corinthians 3:5b-6**

• **BECAUSE JESUS YOU ARE** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**How should my identity affect how I act?**

Romans 15:7, 1 Peter 2:17, Colossians 3:12, Ephesians 4:32, Hebrews 13:6

My Identity Prayer: "Thank you, Father, that You can heal broken hearts, bitter memories, and damaged self-esteem. Thank you, God, You can do that. Thank you that patterns can be erased and reversed. Thank you, God, that You can turn nobodies into somebodies. Jesus, help us all to see ourselves through Your eyes of love. Help me to see myself the way You see me. Thank you for loving me, for sending Jesus to die for me so I could be forgiven. Jesus, from today forward, I want to listen to what You say, not what others say, and I want to fulfill my real identity in You. Not what my feelings tell me. Help me to realize my feelings often lie. I want to learn to trust You and Your Word completely with every area of my life.

Help me to care more about what You think than what other people think. May the truth, Your truth, set me free. Jesus, I am completely accepted! I am extremely valuable! I am eternally loved! I am completely forgiven! And I am fully capable! Amen."