

Who You Are in the Risen Christ

I. Your old identity: who you no longer are

You do not define yourself anymore.

You are not defined by what you do. Gal 2:16; 2 Tim 1:9

You are not important because of how good you are at different things. Eph 2:8

You are not significant because of how much you do or how much you serve. Eph 2:8

You are not defined by what family you come from, or where you went to school. Gal 3:28

Your worth is not in whether you are single or married. Matt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:7

You are not defined by how many kids you have or by how good they are.

Your importance is not a function of how educated your children are, or how they are educated.

You are not worthwhile because you are smart, or a failure because you are not. Rom 12:16

Your life is not great because of how many amazing experiences you have had.

You are not important because you have lots of stuff, or lots of really nice stuff. 1 Tim 6:7-9

Your joy does not depend on how well your team does, or whether your political party is elected.

Your worth does not come from having suffered more than others.

Your age does not make you better than others, or worse.

You are not important because you are what the world calls beautiful, or worthless because you are not.

You must no longer boast about your own strength, or put any confidence in it. Phil 3:3

Your life is not all about you. Rom 14:7

Your peers do not define you.

Your worth is not defined by what everyone thinks of you. Matt 6:2, 5, 16

You are not defined by what the media or the movies think of people like you.

You are not defined by the shameful and hurtful things others have done to you.

You are not important because lots of people seek you out.

Your sin no longer defines you.

Your savior knows everything about you, yet he does not reject you or shame you. John 4:16-26; 8:11

You are no longer dead in your trespasses and sins. Eph 2:1; Col 2:13

You are not a failure or a lost cause. Rom 8:1, 33-34

You are not worthless.

You no longer have God's righteous anger upon you. John 3:36; Eph 2:3; 5:6

You are no longer allowed to condemn or hate yourself, for God does not condemn or hate you. John 3:17-18; Rom 8:1

You are no longer a slave of sin, Satan, or the weakness of your sin nature. John 8:34-36; Rom 8:9, 15; Gal 4:3, 7, 8; Eph 2:2; Col 1:13

II. Your new identity in Christ: who you now are

You are now one with Jesus Christ, crucified and raised. 2 Thess 1:1; Matt 25:35–40
You are long-planned and longed for, chosen by God. Rom 1:2; 1 Cor 2:7; Eph 3:9; Phil 4:1; Col 3:12; 1 Thess 1:4; 1 Pet 1:1
You have died and been buried with Christ. Rom 6:4–5; 2 Cor 4:10; 5:14; Col 2:12; 3:3
You have been raised and now live with Christ. Rom 6:4–5; 1 Cor 15:22; Eph 2:5–6
You have been saved. Eph 2:5; Col 1:14; 2 Tim 1:9; Tit 3:5 You are being saved. 1 Cor 1:18; 15:2 You will be saved. 1 Thess 5:8–9; Heb 7:25; 1 Pet 1:9
You have been shown grace; you are a vessel of mercy. Matt 5:7; Luke 1:50; Rom 9:15, 23; 11:30; Eph 2:4; 1 Pet 1:3; 2:10
You are called by God. Rom 1:6; 8:30; 2 Thess 2:14; Jude 1
You have received the Holy Spirit. Rom 5:5; 8:9,15 (“the Spirit of adoption”); 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Gal 3:14; 4:6; 1 Thess 4:8; 1 John 4:13
You are forgiven and are now righteous in God’s sight. Ps 32:1; Acts 13:38; Rom 8:1; Eph 1:7; 4:32; Col 1:14; 3:13; 1 John 2:12
You are saved from sin’s power and share in Christ’s victory over sin. 1 Pet 1:2
You are holy, a saint. 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 3:12; 2 Tim 2:21; Heb 3:1
You are being made holy by Jesus. Heb 10:14
You are enlightened by God in the truth. Rom 1:17; 10:20; 2 Tim 3:7; 1 John 5:20
You are a new creation. 2 Cor 5:17
You are God’s precious child. Matt 5:9; Rom 8:14–16; 2 Cor 6:18; Gal 3:26; Eph 5:1
You are God’s treasure. Matt 10:30; Mark 14:24; Acts 20:38
You belong to Christ. John 17:10; Rom 1:6; 7:4; 14:8; 1 Cor 3:23; Gal 5:24; Phil 3:12
You are a fellow ruler with Christ. Rom 5:17; Eph 2:6
You are a whole person in Christ, lacking nothing. You are well supplied with all things necessary for life and godliness. Jam 1:4; 2 Pet 1:3
You are part of God’s people, the body of Christ. Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:27; 2 Cor 6:16
You are a renewed worshiper. Heb 12:28
You are a citizen of Christ’s kingdom. Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20; Col 1:13
You are an exile in this broken world. Heb 10:13; Jam 1:1; 1 Pet 1:1, 17; 2:11
You are destined to suffer with Christ in this life. John 16:2, 33; 21:18; Rom 8:17; 2 Cor 5:2, 4; Phil 1:29; Col 1:24; 2 Thess 1:4–5
You have a vital role to play in God’s kingdom. Matt 28:19–20
You are in a life-or-death fight against sin and Satan. 1 Tim 6:12
Your life adorns the gospel, brings glory to God, and makes others want to believe in him. John 17:10; 2 Cor 4:15; 1 Thess 1:7; 4:12; Tit 2:10
You are God’s means of blessing others. Rom 15:22–29
You are firmly established; hope and joy are yours. 2 Thess 3:3
You are an heir of fabulous wealth. Rom 8:17; 10:12; Gal 3:29; 4:7; Eph 1:14, 18; 2:7
You will persevere to the end and win the victory over sin and Satan. 1 Pet 1:7, 9
You will be raised with an imperishable, glorious, powerful body, no matter how perishable, dishonored, and weak your body is when you die. John 6:40; 1 Cor 15:42–43; 2 Cor 5:1, 4; Phil 3:21; Tit 1:2
You will be saved from God’s coming wrath. Rom 5:9; 10:9, 13; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9
You are glorious and you are destined for glory. Rom 8:18, 23, 30; 1 Cor 2:7; 2 Cor 3:8; Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 2:10
You can be confident about everything the Scriptures say about you. Luke 1:4; Eph 3:12